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# Care Bears

in the MYSTERY of  
the DISAPPEARING  
TOWN

WASN'T  
I JUST  
THERE?

W-WASN'T  
THERE  
A **TOWER**  
J-JUST  
THERE?

W-WASN'T  
THERE A **LADY**  
J-JUST THERE?





FRED FLINTSTONE & BARNEY RUBBLE  
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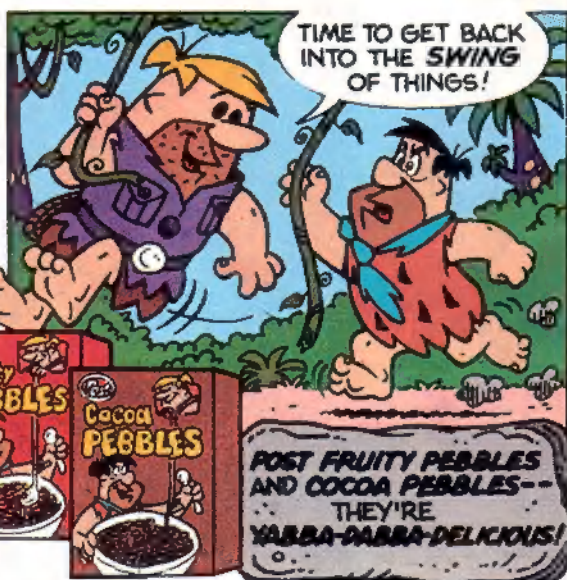
# RAIDERS

of the  
**FRUITY PEBBLES®**

I'D DO  
ANYTHING  
TO GET FRED'S  
GREAT-TASTING  
FRUITY PEBBLES®  
CEREAL!

MMM... LOVE THOSE  
**FRUITY PEBBLES!**

(GUESS WHO'S  
COMIN' TO  
BREAKFAST--!)





# Care Bears

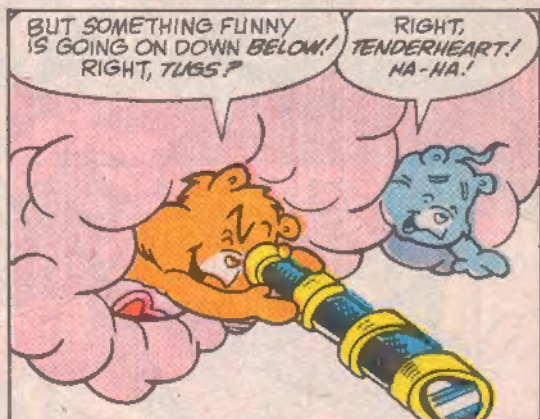
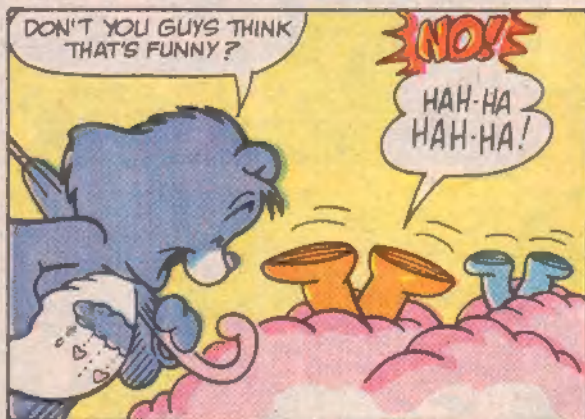
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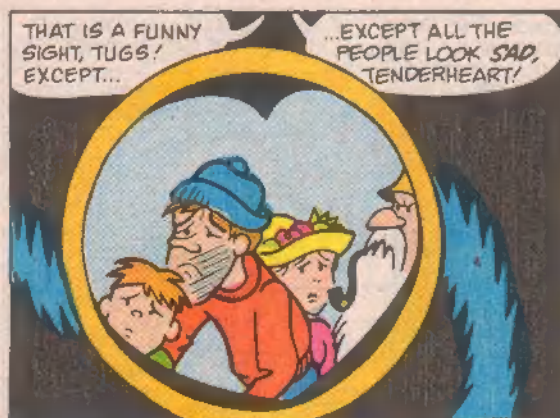
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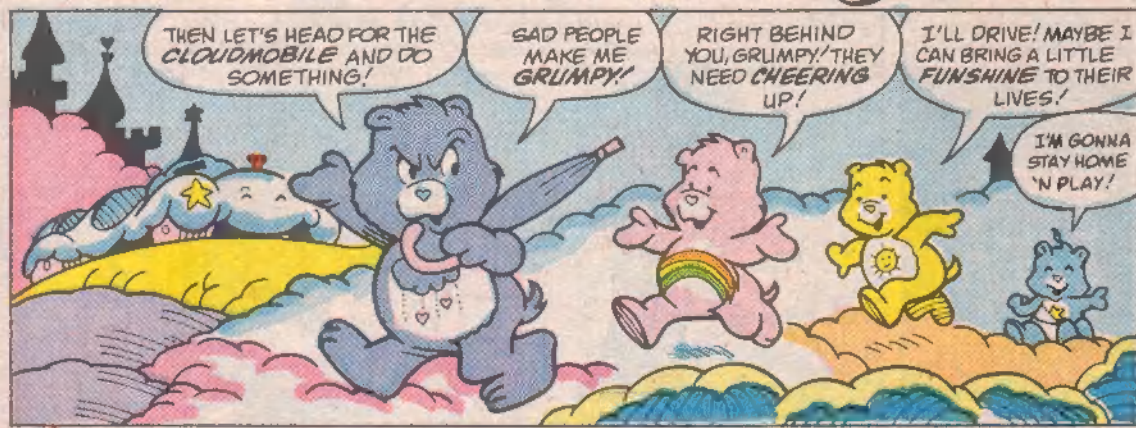
THAT IS A FUNNY SIGHT, TUGS! EXCEPT...

...EXCEPT ALL THE PEOPLE LOOK SAD, TENDERHEART!



WHO LOOKS SAD, TENDERHEART?

THE PEOPLE DOWN BELOW, CHEER BEAR!



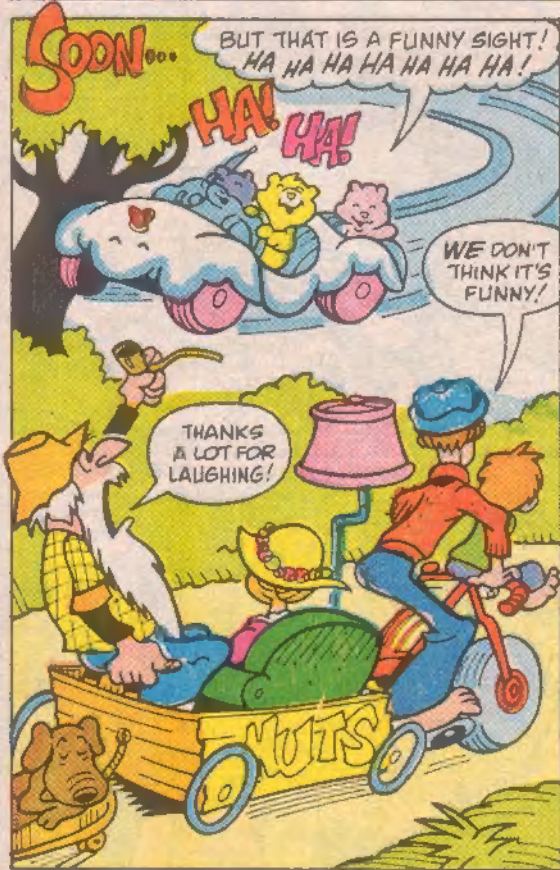
THEN LET'S HEAD FOR THE CLOUDMOBILE AND DO SOMETHING!

SAD PEOPLE MAKE ME GRUMPY!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, GRUMPY! THEY NEED CHEERING UP!

I'LL DRIVE! MAYBE I CAN BRING A LITTLE FUNSHINE TO THEIR LIVES!

I'M GONNA STAY HOME 'N PLAY!



SOON...

BUT THAT IS A FUNNY SIGHT! HA HA HA HA HA HA!

HA! HA!

WE DON'T THINK IT'S FUNNY!

THANKS A LOT FOR LAUGHING!



OUR TOWN IS DISAPPEARIN'!

PIECE BY PIECE!

AND YOU THINK THAT'S FUNNY!



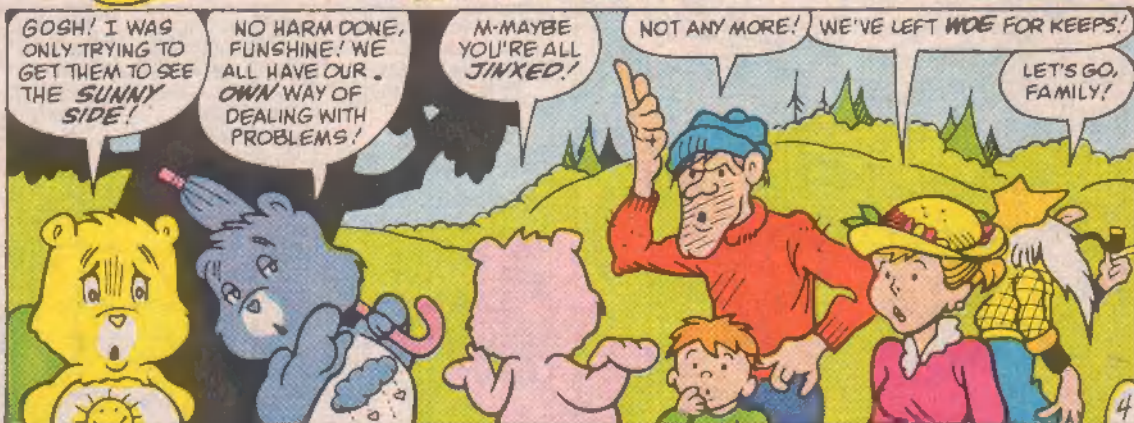
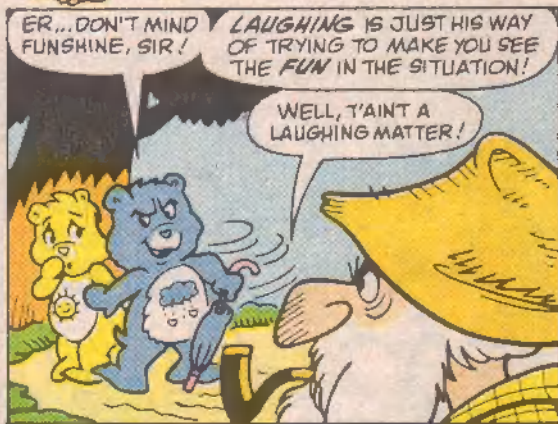
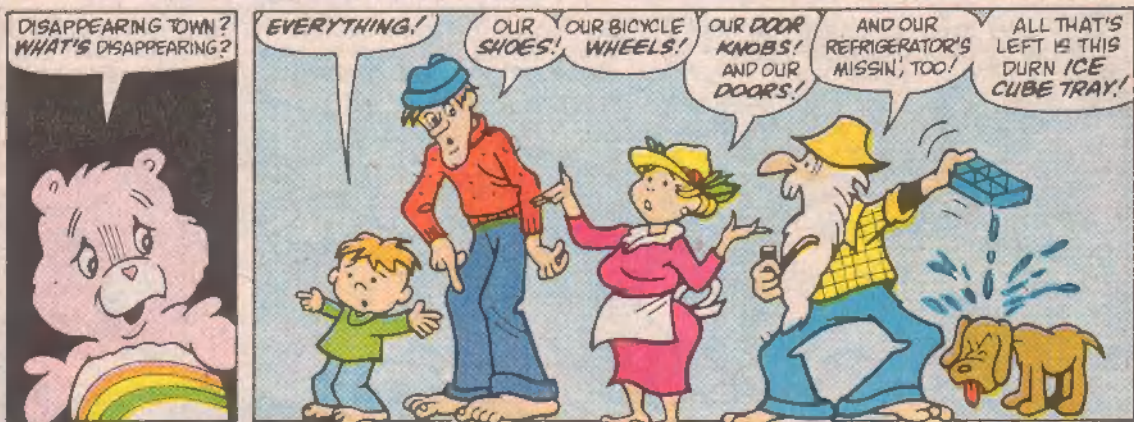
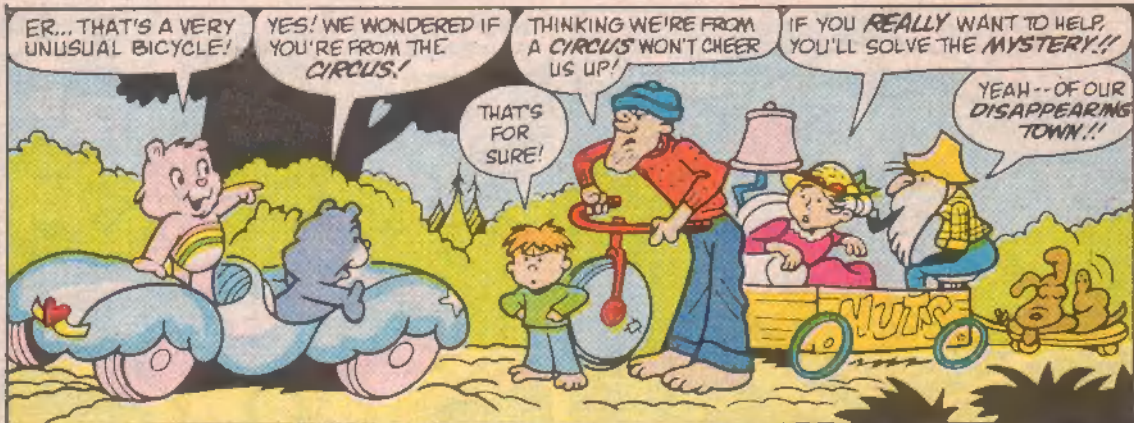
I'M SORRY WE LAUGHED! I HARDLY EVER LAUGH, ANYWAY!

WE'RE THE CARE BEARS!

MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU CHEER UP!

WE DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS!



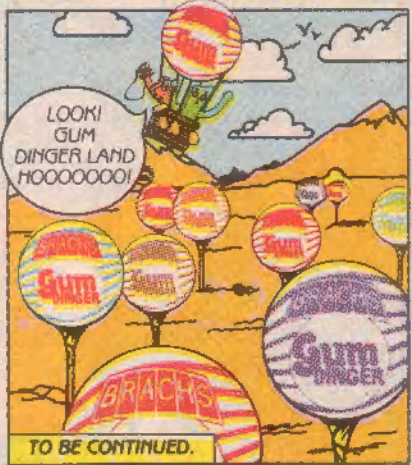
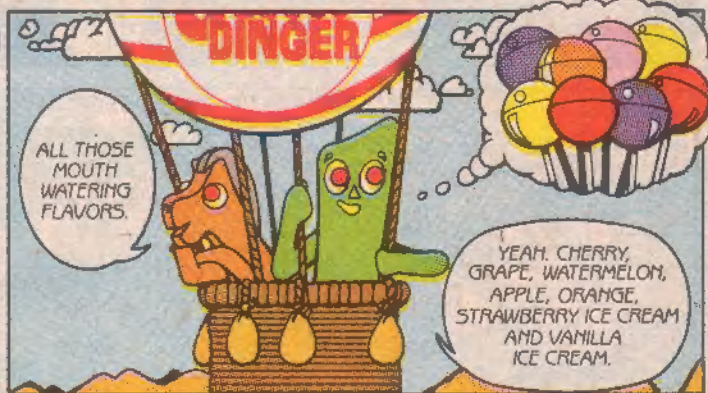




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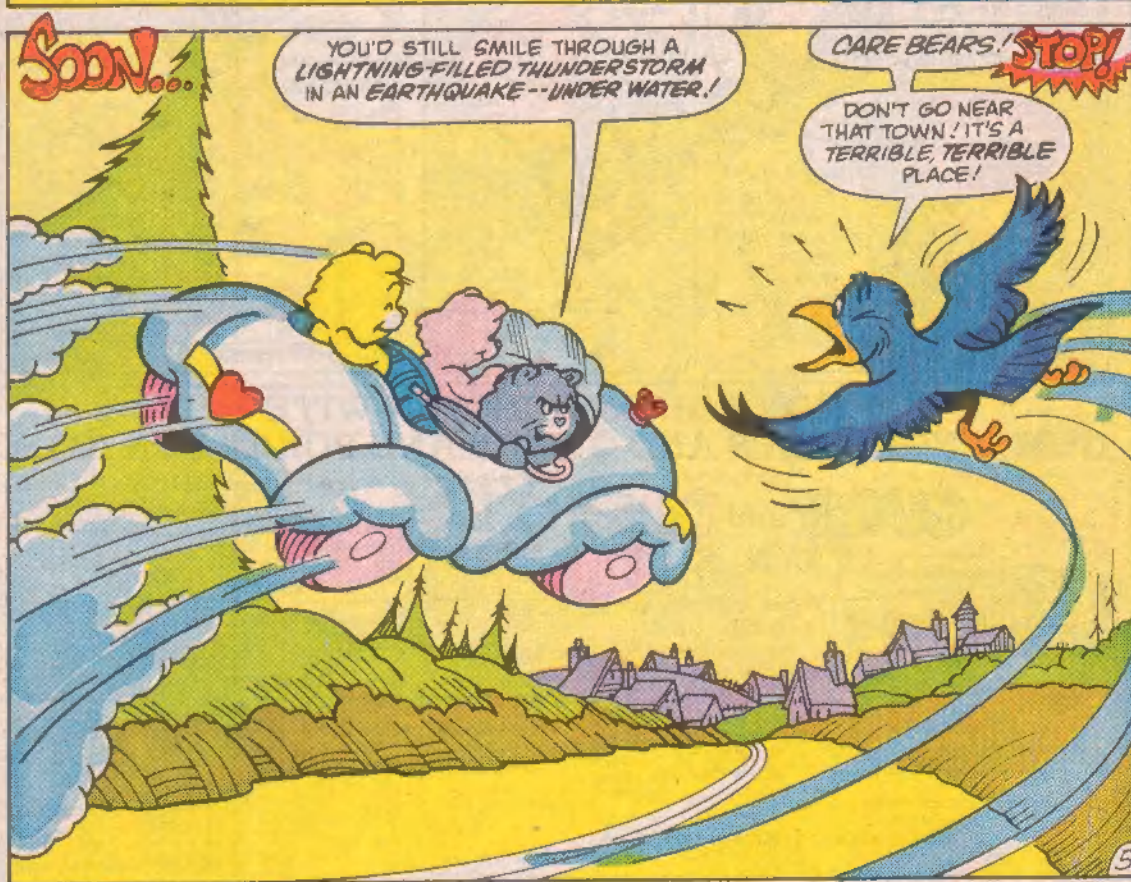
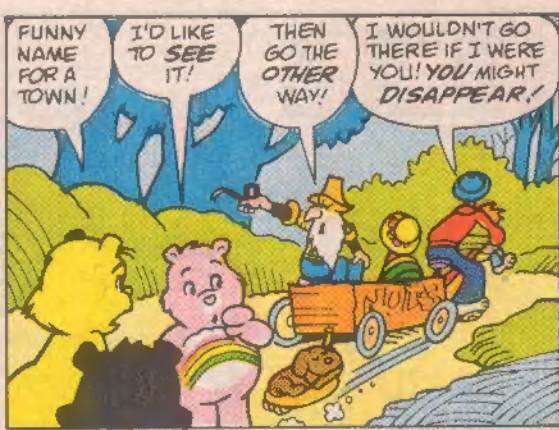
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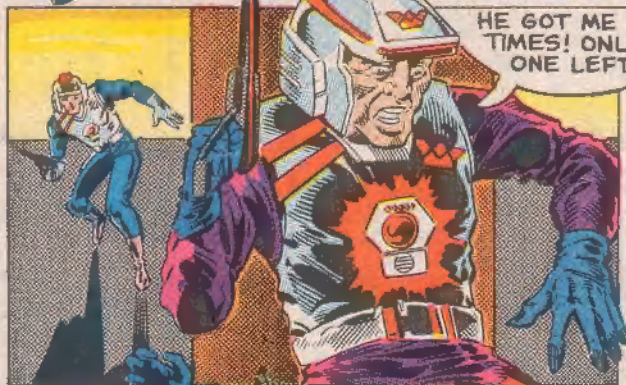
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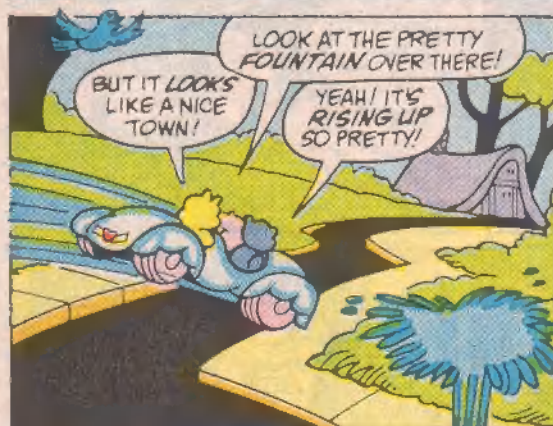
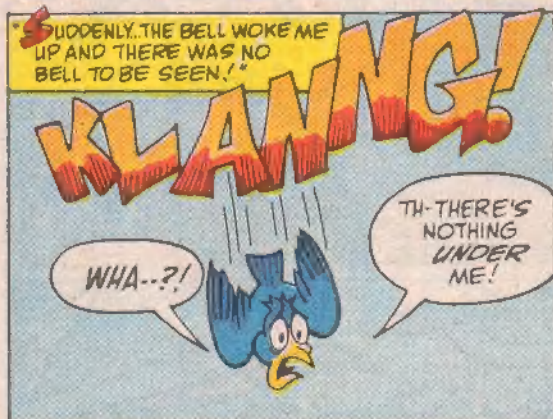
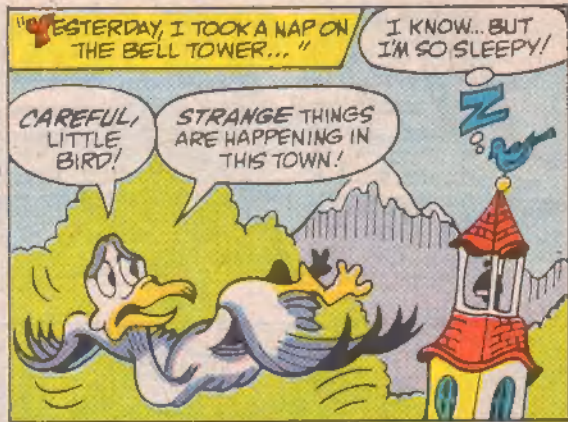
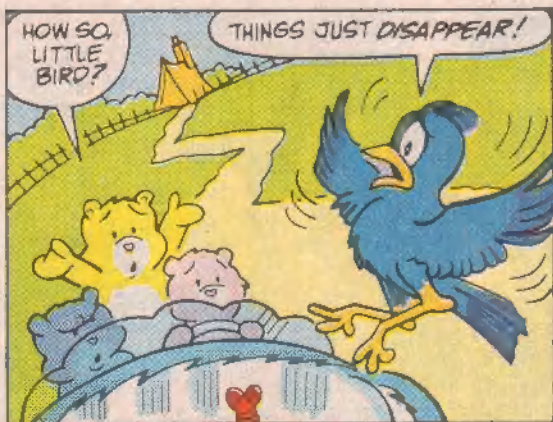
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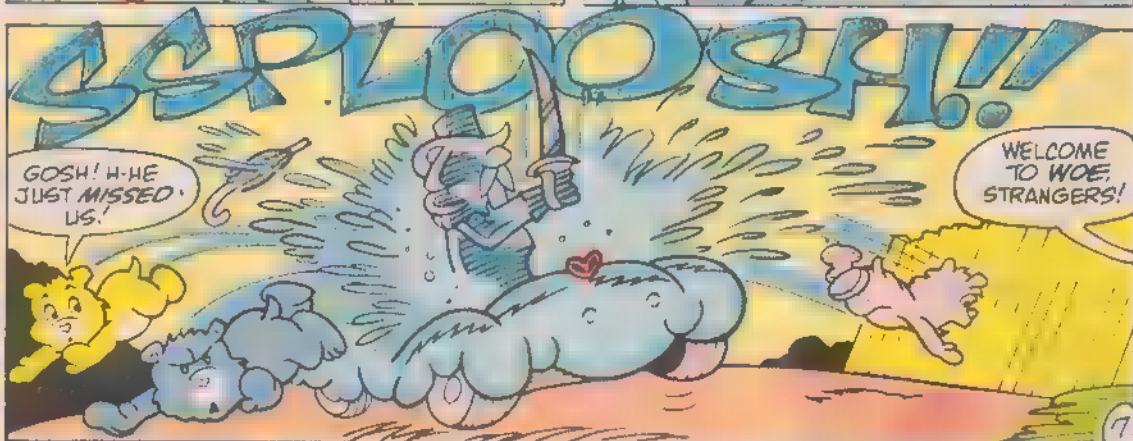
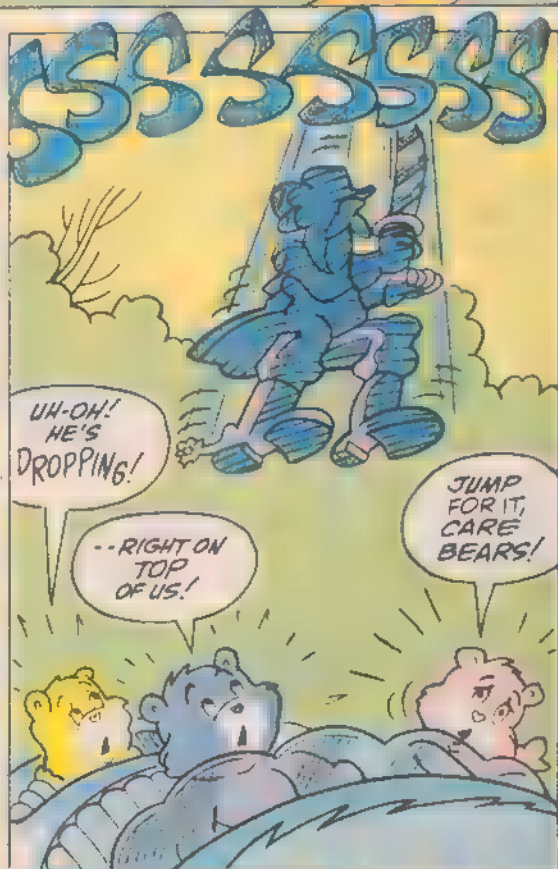
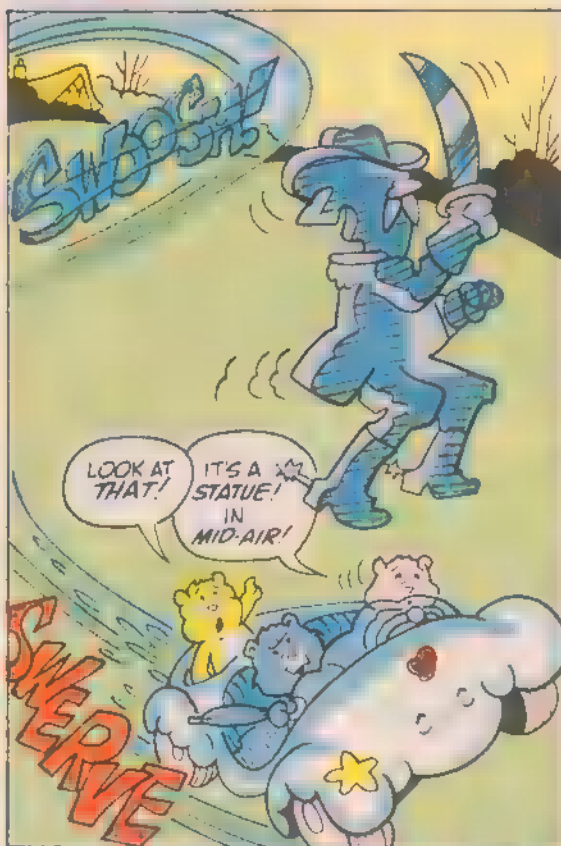
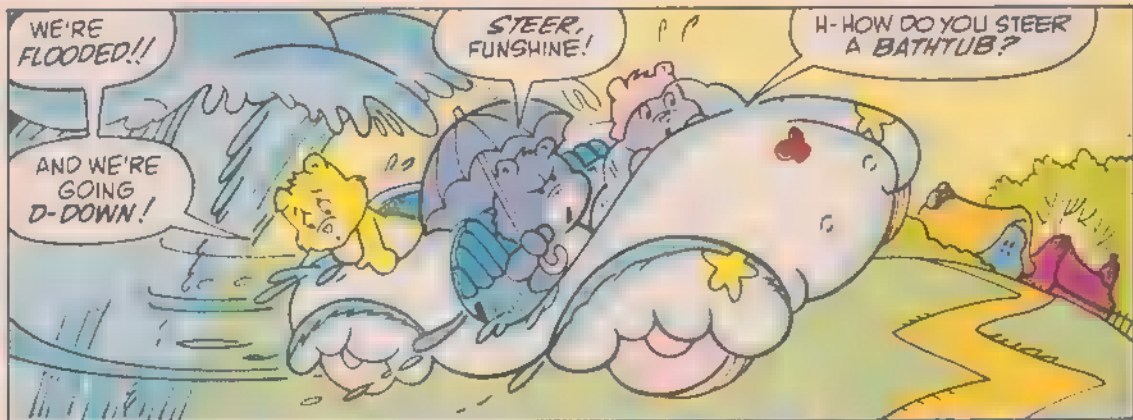
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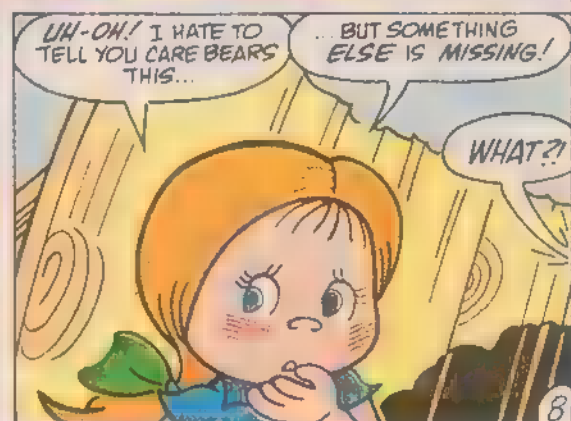
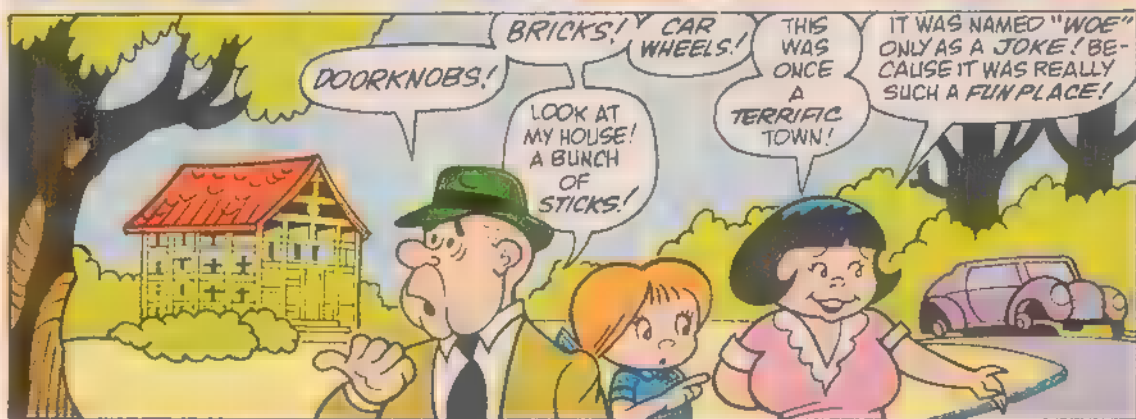
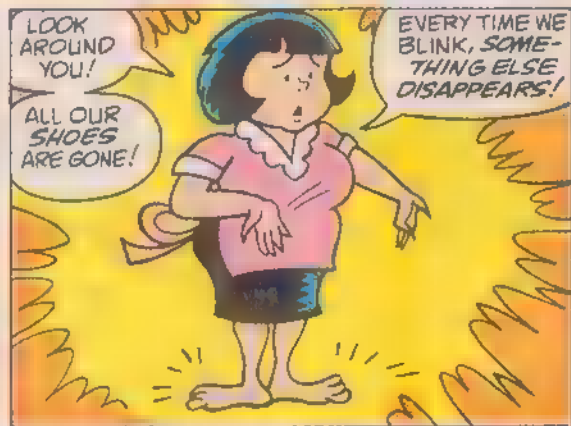
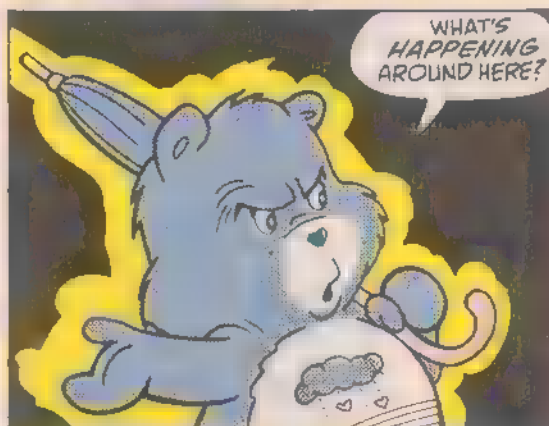
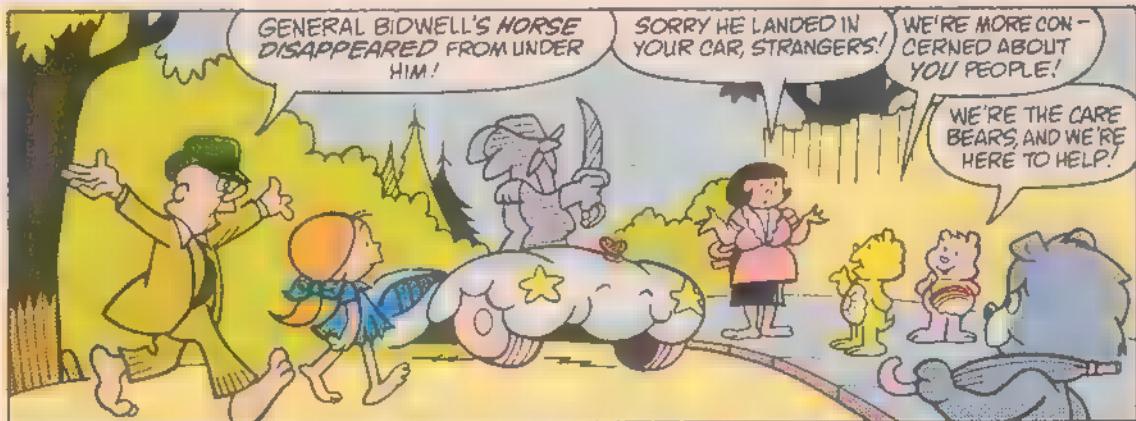




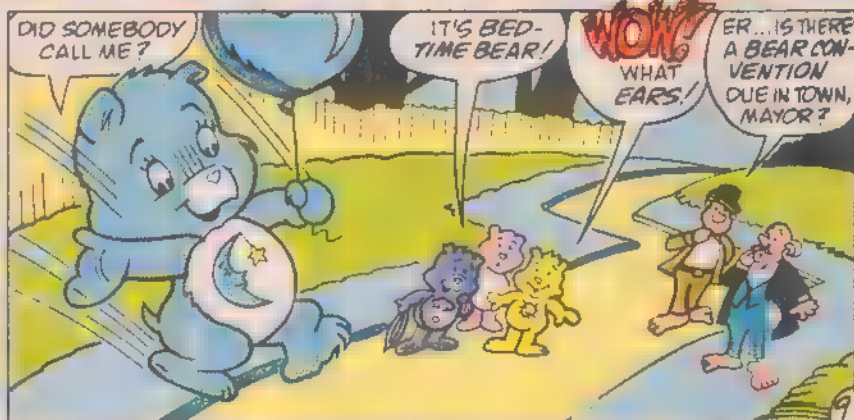
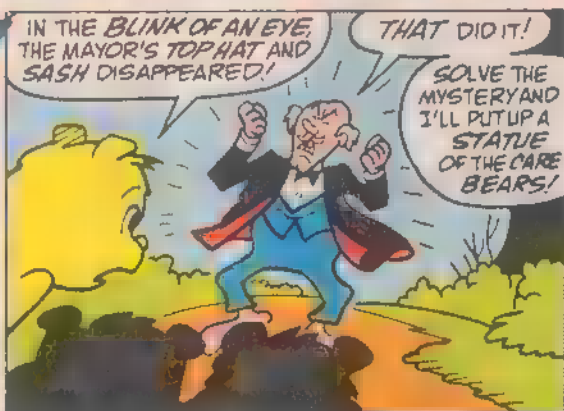
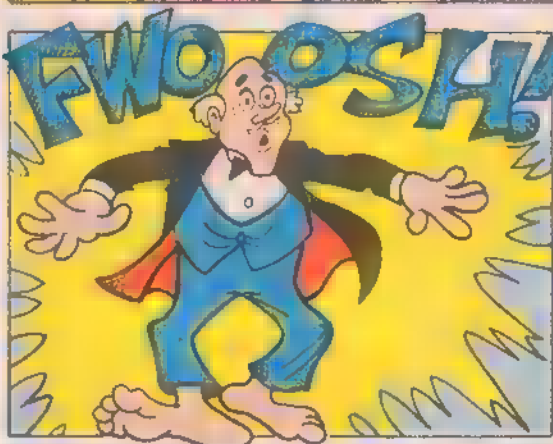
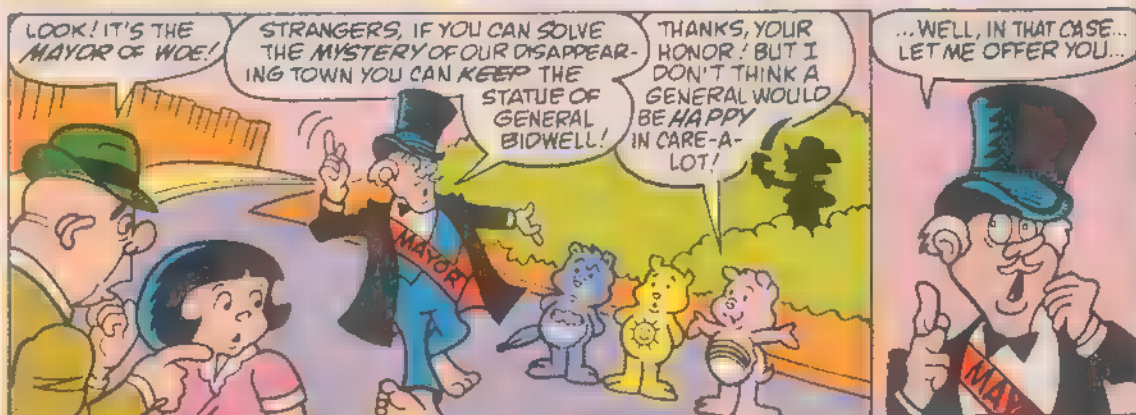
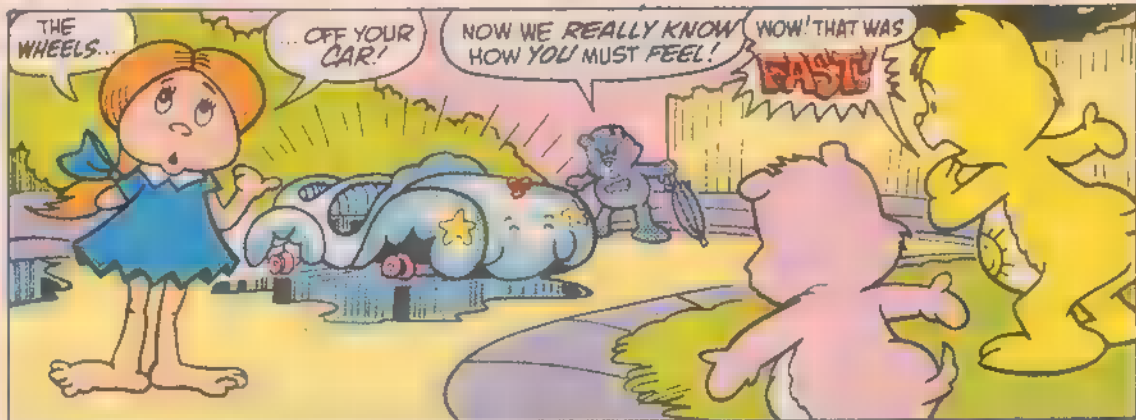














THE AMAZING  
**SPIDER-MAN**  
IN THE



# FREE THE CAP'N MYSTERY



**FLASH!**

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**DAILY BUGLE**

**CAP'N CRUNCH CAPTURED BY SOGMASTER!**

FATE OF CRUNCH POWER UNCERTAIN

**SOGGIES MAY RULE!**

WHILE SOMEWHERE IN SOGLAND...

YUK! NO SOLID EVIDENCE HERE... BUT I SUSPECT THE CAP'N'S NEARBY.

MEANWHILE, ON A HILLSLOP...

YIKES!

IT'S SPIDER-MAN, SOGMASTER!

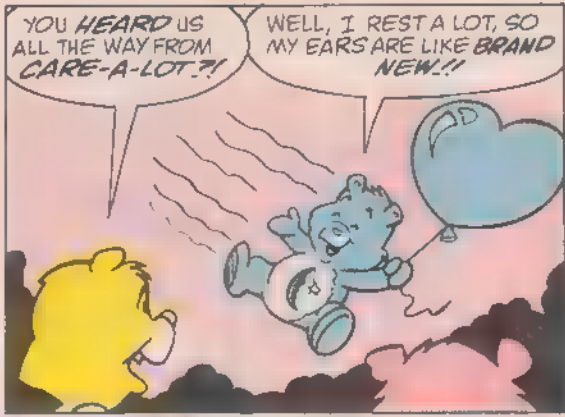
HE, HE, HE... HE WON'T BE BUGGING US FOR LONG!

OH NO! WILL SPIDEY FREE THE CAP'N BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE??? HE MIGHT... AND YOU CAN HELP HIM DURING THE "FREE THE CAP'N" SWEEPSTAKES! BOXES OF CAP'N CRUNCH CEREAL HAVE EXCITING GAMES, CLUES AND SECRET PHONE NUMBERS TO TELL YOU HOW. IF YOU DO FREE THE CAP'N, YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE 10,000 WINNERS TO SHARE \$1,000,000.

HE, HE, HE... MY GIANT FLY SPLOTTER WILL FINISH THAT PEST!

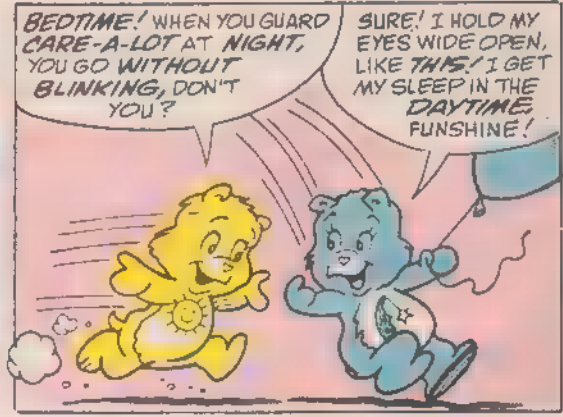
HMM... MY SPIDER-SENSE TELLS ME I BETTER FIND CAP'N CRUNCH AND SPIN ON OUTTA HERE FAST... OR BREAKFAST'LL BE DOOMED... AND I'LL BE SOGGED!





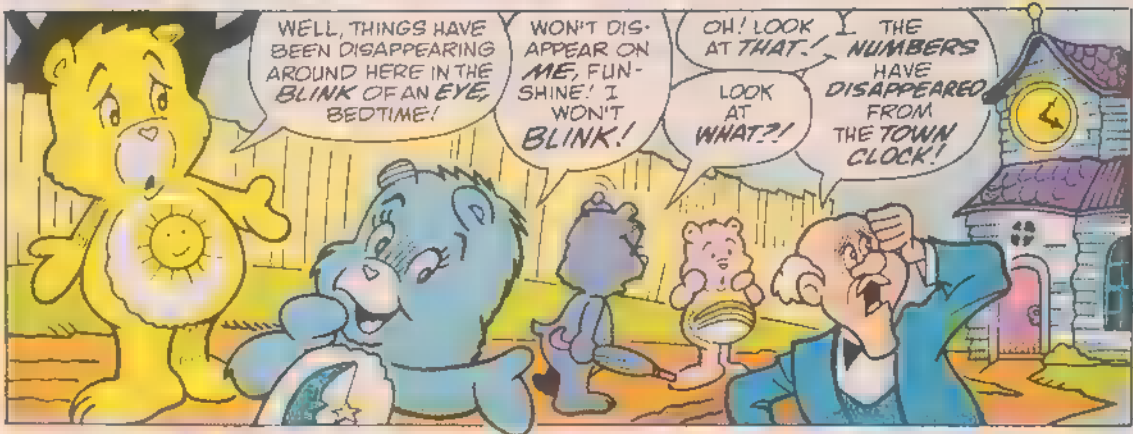
YOU **HEARD** US  
ALL THE WAY FROM  
**CARE-A-LOT?!!**

WELL, I REST A LOT, SO  
MY EARS ARE LIKE **BRAND  
NEW!!**



**BEDTIME!** WHEN YOU GUARD  
**CARE-A-LOT AT NIGHT,**  
YOU GO WITHOUT  
**BLINKING,** DON'T  
YOU?

**SURE!** I HOLD MY  
EYES WIDE OPEN,  
LIKE **THIS!** I GET  
MY SLEEP IN THE  
**DAYTIME**  
FUNSHINE!

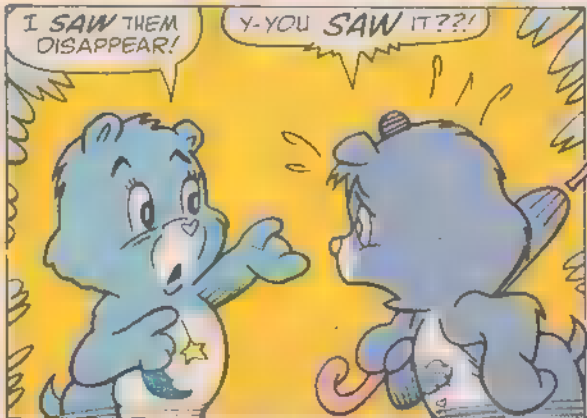


WELL, THINGS HAVE  
BEEN DISAPPEARING  
AROUND HERE IN THE  
**BLINK OF AN EYE,**  
BEDTIME!

WON'T DIS-  
APPEAR ON  
**ME,** FUN-  
SHINE! I  
WON'T  
**BLINK!**

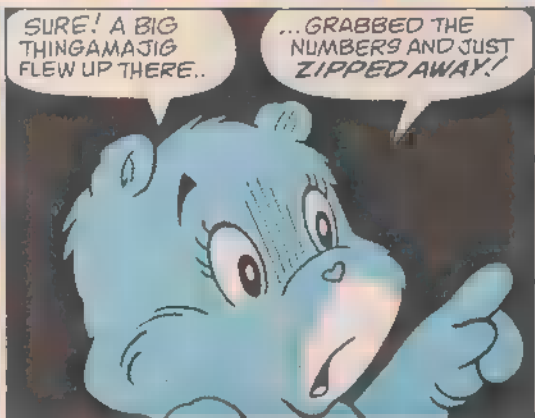
OH! LOOK  
AT **THAT!**  
  
LOOK  
AT  
**WHAT?!**

THE  
**NUMBERS**  
HAVE  
DISAPPEARED  
FROM  
THE TOWN  
CLOCK!



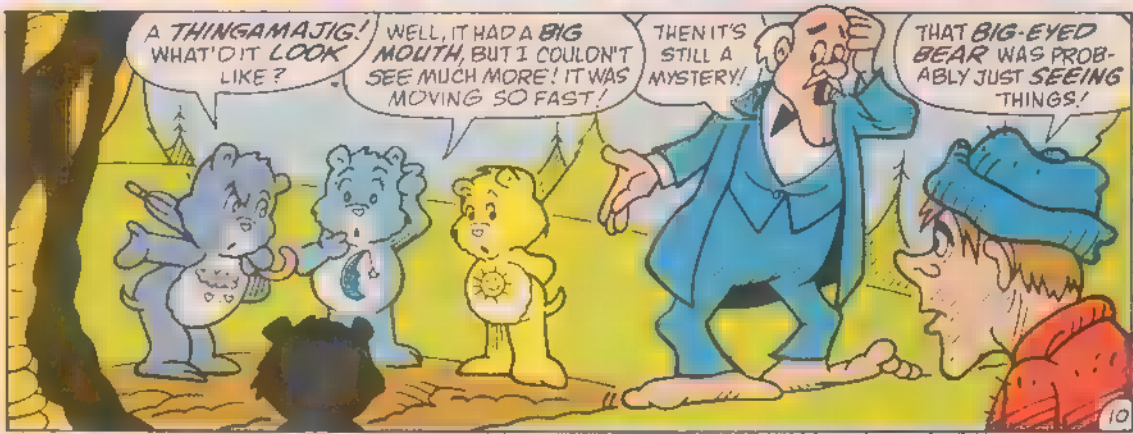
I **SAW** THEM  
DISAPPEAR!

Y-YOU **SAW** IT??!



**SURE!** A BIG  
THINGAMAJIG  
FLEW UP THERE..

...GRABBED THE  
NUMBERS AND JUST  
**ZIPPED AWAY!**



A **THINGAMAJIG!**  
WHAT'D IT LOOK  
LIKE?

WELL, IT HAD A **BIG  
MOUTH,** BUT I COULDN'T  
SEE MUCH MORE! IT WAS  
MOVING SO FAST!

THEN IT'S  
STILL A  
MYSTERY!

THAT **BIG-EYED  
BEAR** WAS PROB-  
ABLY JUST **SEEING**  
THINGS!



LET'S PUT OUR HEADS  
TOGETHER AND SOLVE  
THIS MYSTERY!

YEAH! CAN'T YOU GIVE US  
A **BETTER DESCRIPTION**  
OF THE THIEF, BEDTIME?

I TELL YOU I COULD HARDLY  
BELIEVE MY OWN UNBLINKING  
EYES!!

THINK, BEDTIME!  
TELL US ABOUT IT!

WELL... IT  
SORT OF...

IT WAS  
KIND OF...

**WHA?!**

THE **BRICK WALL**  
J- JUST D- DISAPPEARED  
FROM BEHIND HIM!

**POPP!**

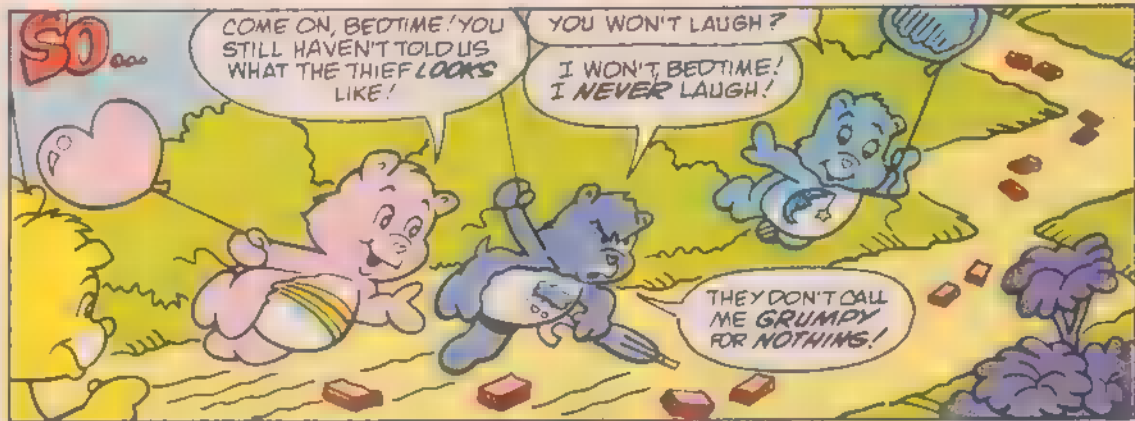
AND **THERE**  
GOES THE  
THIEF!

WHERE? I DON'T  
SEE ANYTHING!

BUT LOOK! THIS TIME HE LEFT  
A **TRAIL OF BRICKS!!**

LET'S  
FOLLOW IT!

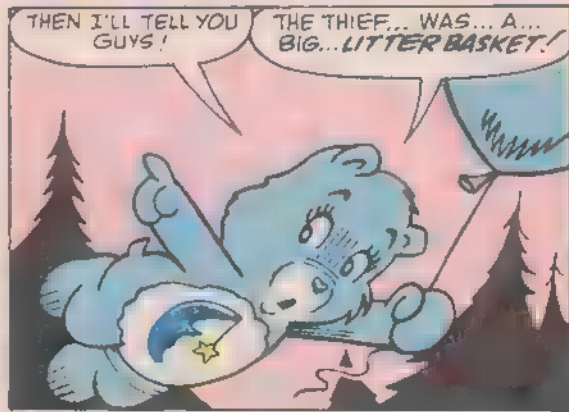




COME ON, BEDTIME! YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD US WHAT THE THIEF LOOKS LIKE!

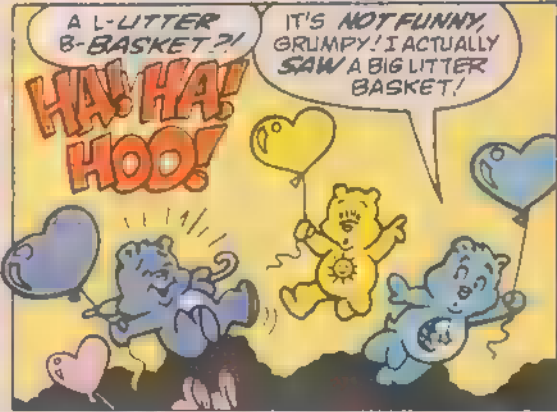
YOU WON'T LAUGH? I WON'T, BEDTIME! I NEVER LAUGH!

THEY DON'T CALL ME GRUMPY FOR NOTHING!



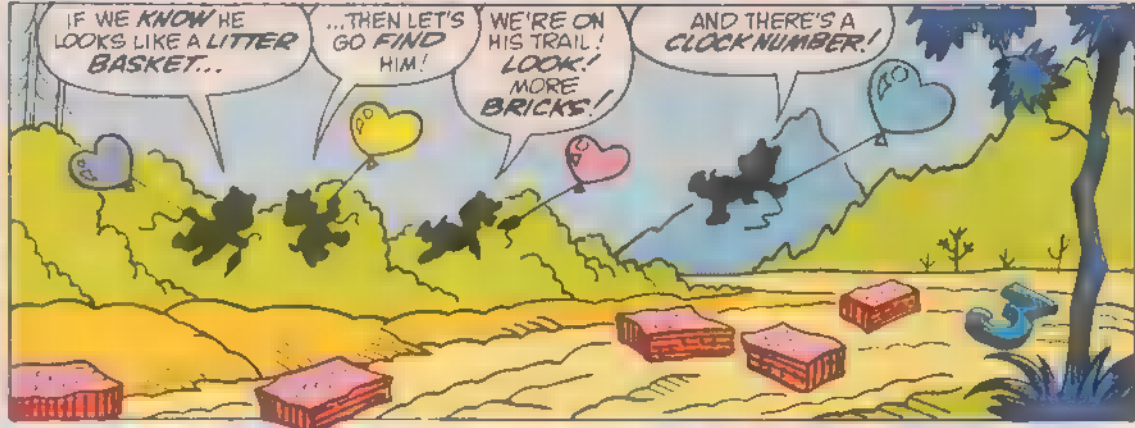
THEN I'LL TELL YOU GUYS!

THE THIEF... WAS... A... BIG... LITTER BASKET!



A L-LITTER B-BASKET?!  
**HA! HA! HOO!**

IT'S NOT FUNNY, GRUMPY! I ACTUALLY SAW A BIG LITTER BASKET!

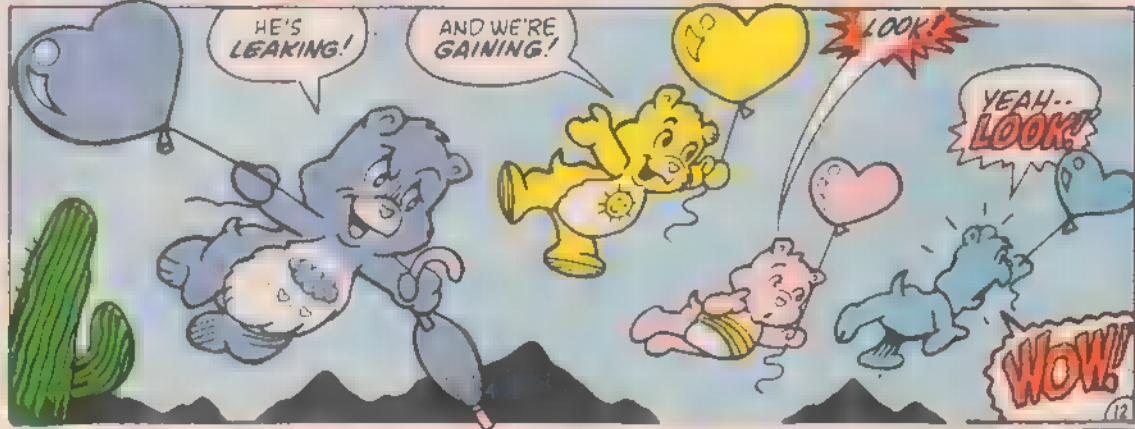


IF WE KNOW HE LOOKS LIKE A LITTER BASKET...

...THEN LET'S GO FIND HIM!

WE'RE ON HIS TRAIL! LOOK! MORE BRICKS!

AND THERE'S A CLOCK NUMBER!



HE'S LEAKING!

AND WE'RE GAINING!

LOOK!

YEAH.. LOOK!

**WOW!**



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KISSYFUR, YOU'VE ALREADY HAD THREE BIG PRIMETIME SPECIALS, SO WE FIGURE YOU'LL BE A GREAT OPENING ACT.

BUT I DON'T GET UP THAT EARLY.

I THINK I SAW YOUR SQUIRREL FRIEND RUNNING OUT THE DOOR CHASING ONE OF THOSE LITTLE BLUE GUYS.

HE'S A CHIPMUNK YOU DODO!

I'M NOT A DODO, I'M A DOG! NAME'S FOOFUR!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING ON SAME TIME AS LAST YEAR, ALVIN... ALVIN? ALVIN!

MR. SMURF, I HAVE A MR. GARGAMEL ON THE LINE.

BESIDES, HE'S A BEAR AND WE'RE BEARS. IS THE COUNTRY READY FOR TWO BEAR SHOWS IN A ROW?

I HOPE SO. OTHERWISE, THE SMURFS WOULD HAVE TO GET UP A HALF-HOUR EARLIER.

AND IF THAT HAPPENS I'LL SCREAM TILL I TURN BLUE.

YOU ALREADY ARE.

OH, YEAH.

WELL I'LL BE DOGGONE. WONDER WHAT THEY CALL HIM A FOOFER?

HEY, DON'T FORGET **ONE TO GROW ON** FIVE TIMES EACH SATURDAY.

OK EVERYBODY, THAT'S A WRAP. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF ROOM. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.

UNTIL THEN, SO LONG FROM BURBANK.

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Kissyfur  
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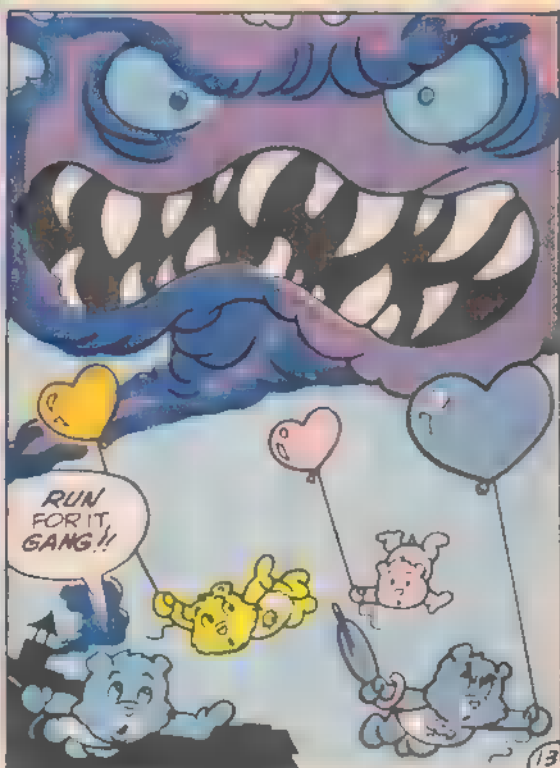
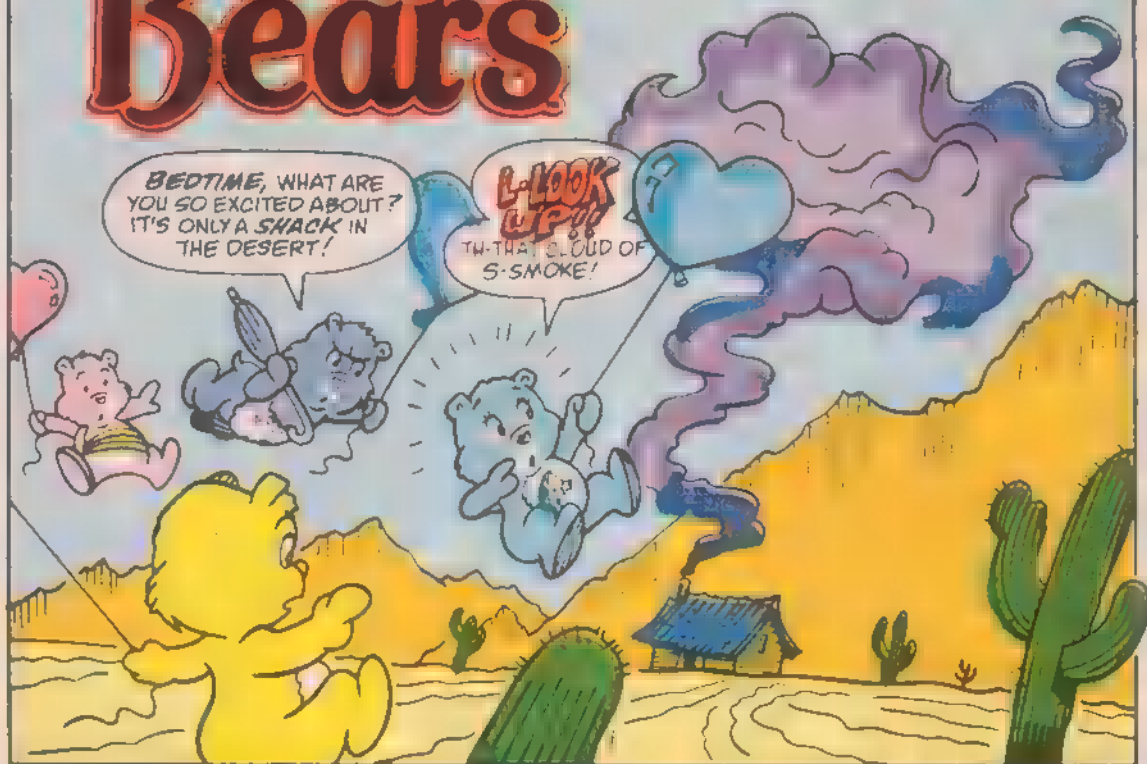
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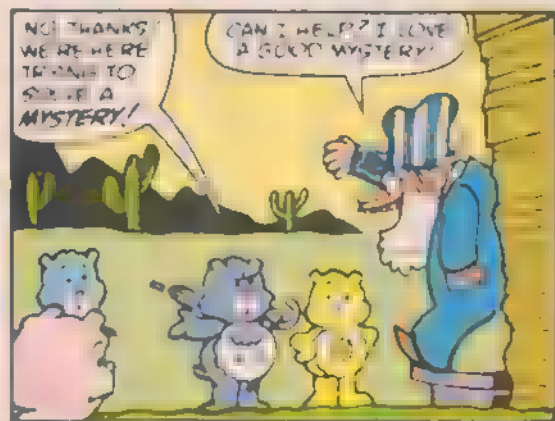
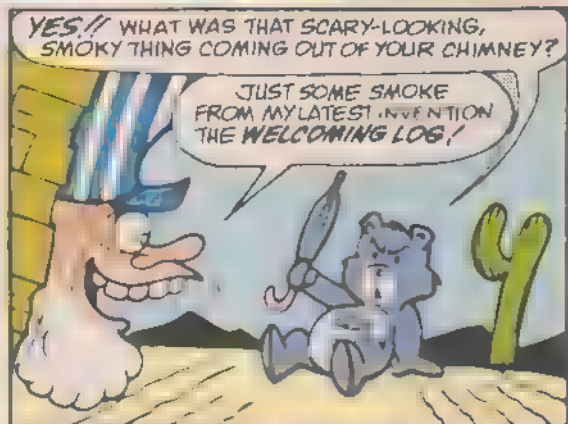


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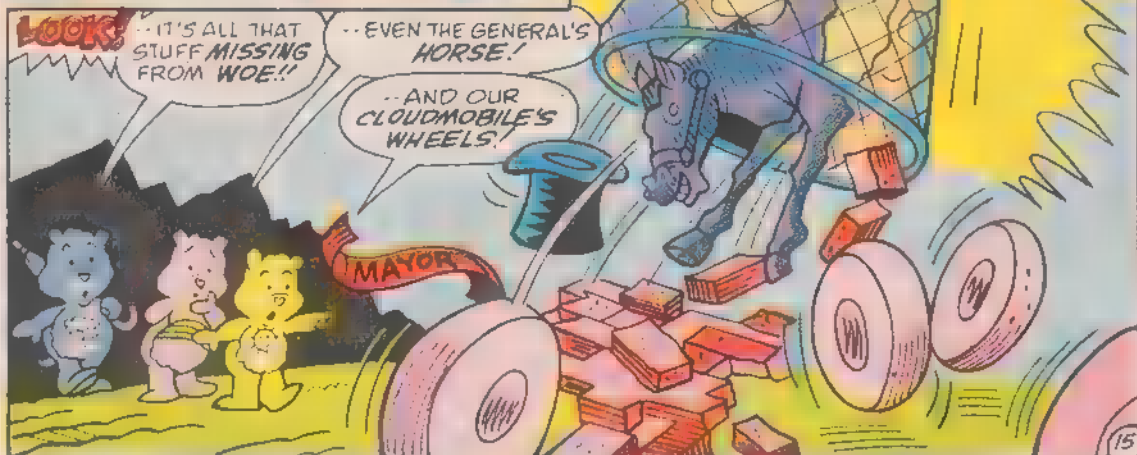
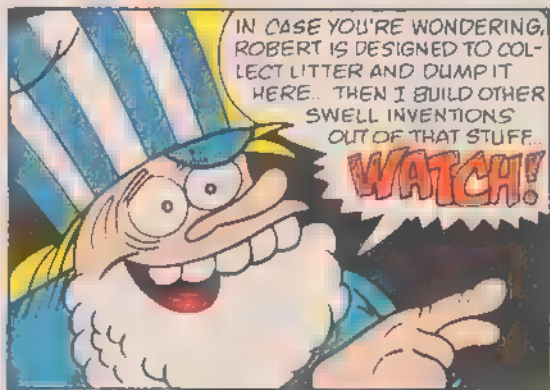
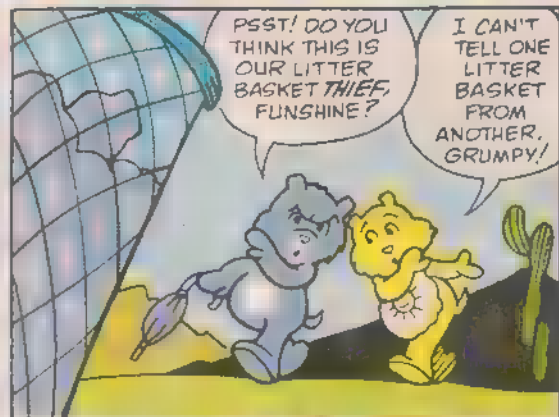
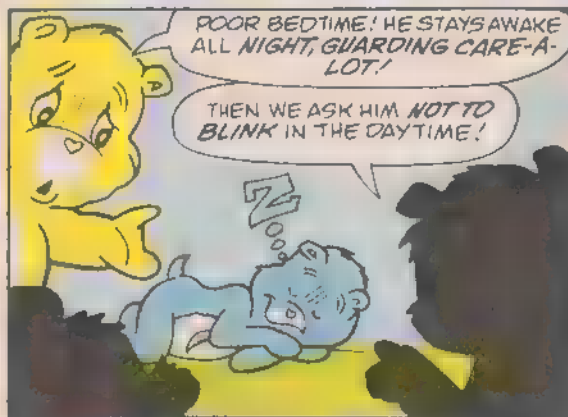
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**WHO'S FUNNY NOW?**





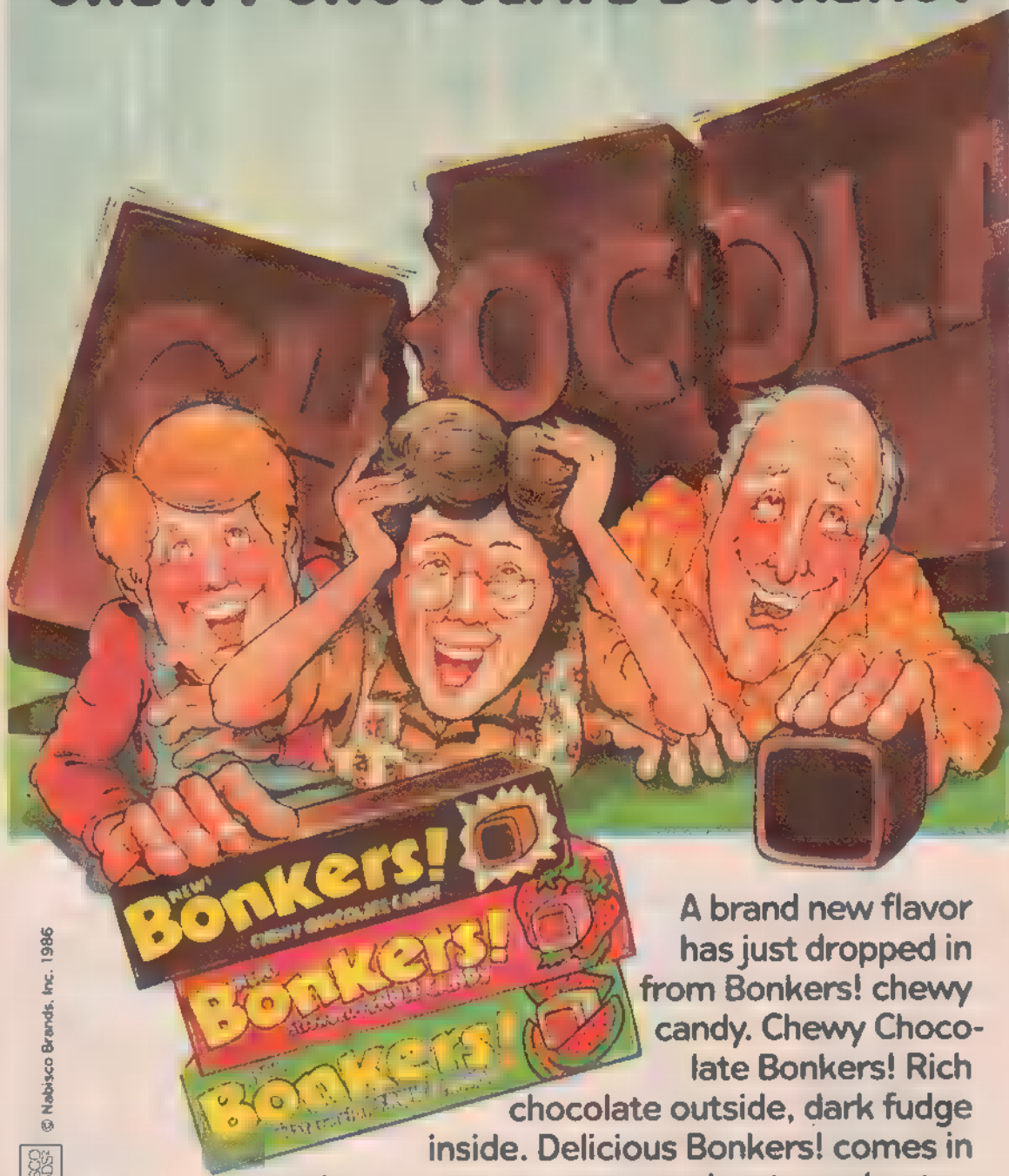






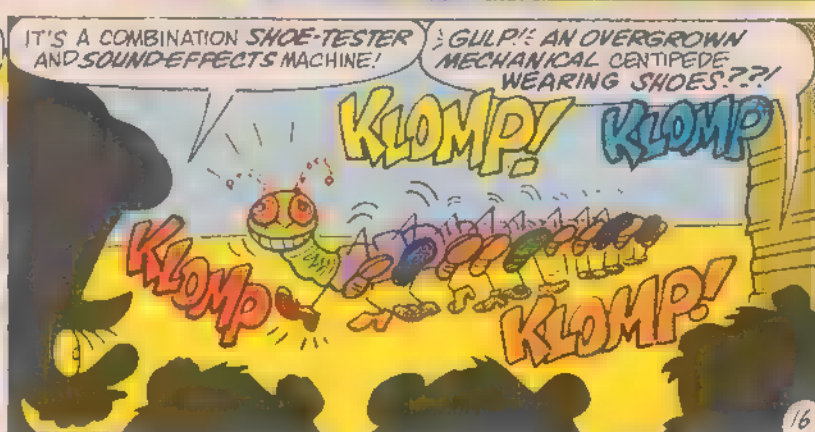
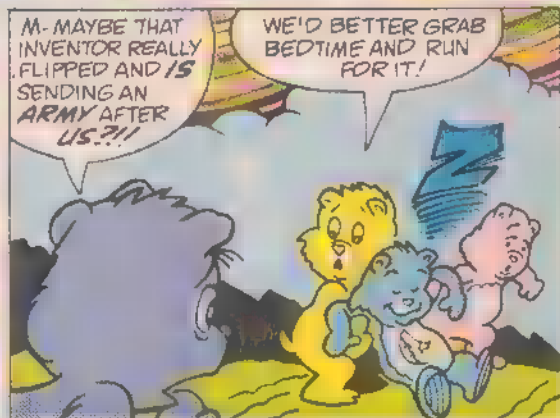
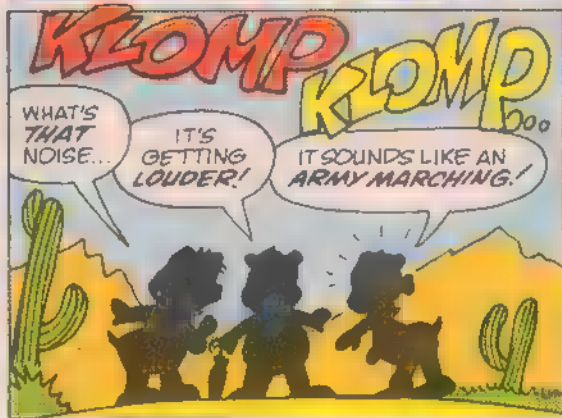
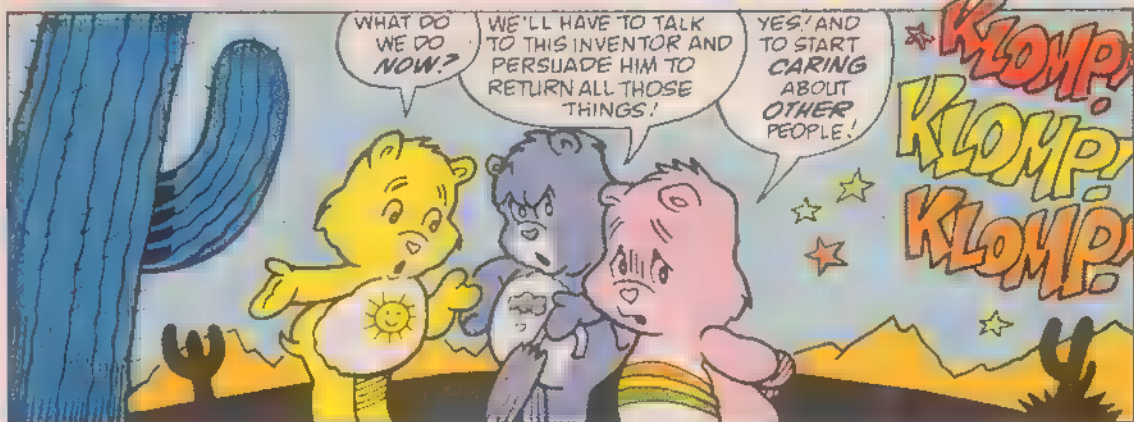
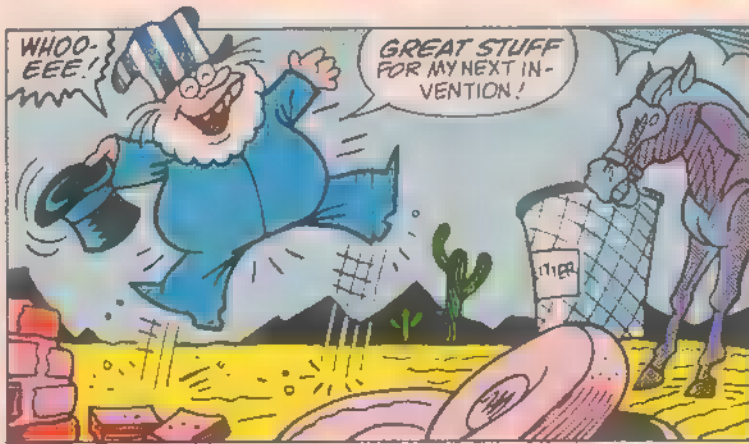


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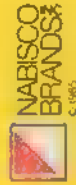




# Newton's Fruit Chewy Mix-Up!

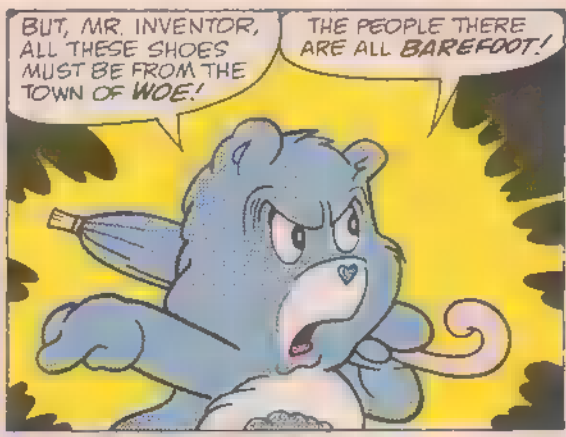
Unscramble the letters on the left and fill in the Newton's Fruit Chewy flavors on the right!

HINT: there are two new flavors!



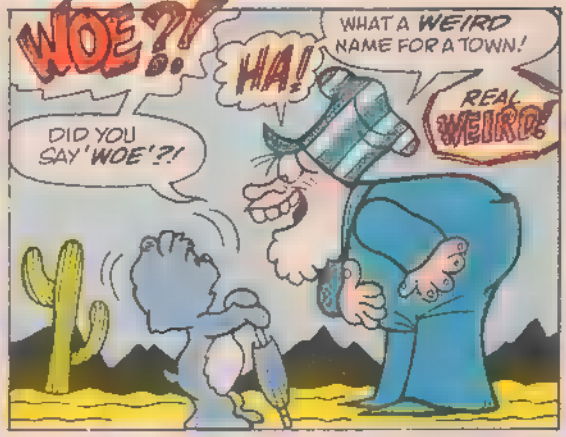
ANSWERS: FIG, APPLE, CHERRY, BLUEBERRY





BUT, MR. INVENTOR,  
ALL THESE SHOES  
MUST BE FROM THE  
TOWN OF WOE!

THE PEOPLE THERE  
ARE ALL **BAREFOOT!**



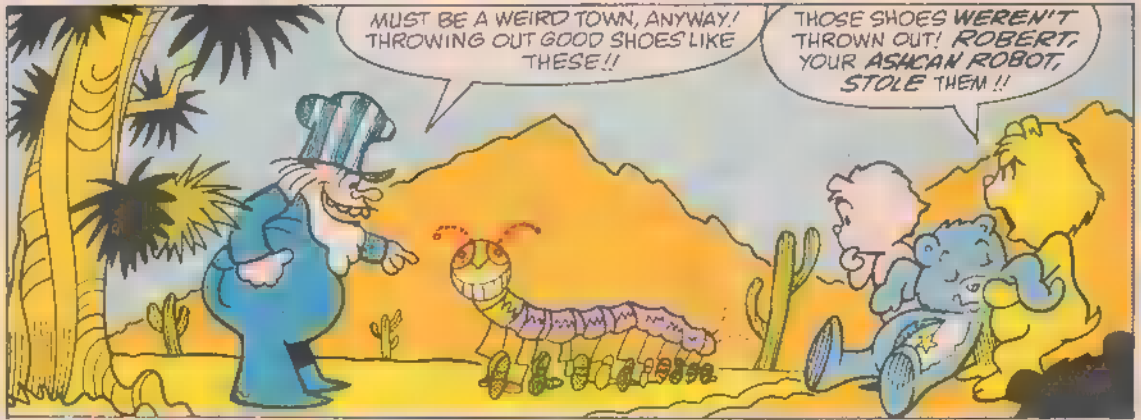
**WOE?!**

**HA!**

WHAT A **WEIRD**  
NAME FOR A TOWN!

**REAL  
WEIRD!**

DID YOU  
SAY 'WOE'?!



MUST BE A WEIRD TOWN, ANYWAY!  
THROWING OUT GOOD SHOES LIKE  
THESE!!

THOSE SHOES **WEREN'T**  
THROWN OUT! **ROBERT,**  
YOUR **ASHKAN ROBOT,**  
**STOLE THEM!!**

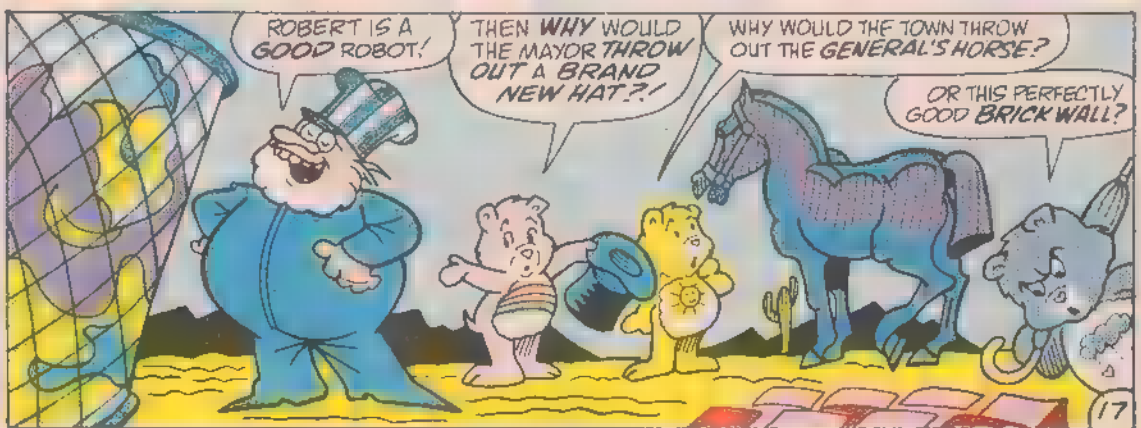


**WHAT?!**

I WOULD **NEVER**  
BUILD A ROBOT THAT  
**STEALS!**



SO... THEREFORE... I  
DON'T BELIEVE YOU!!



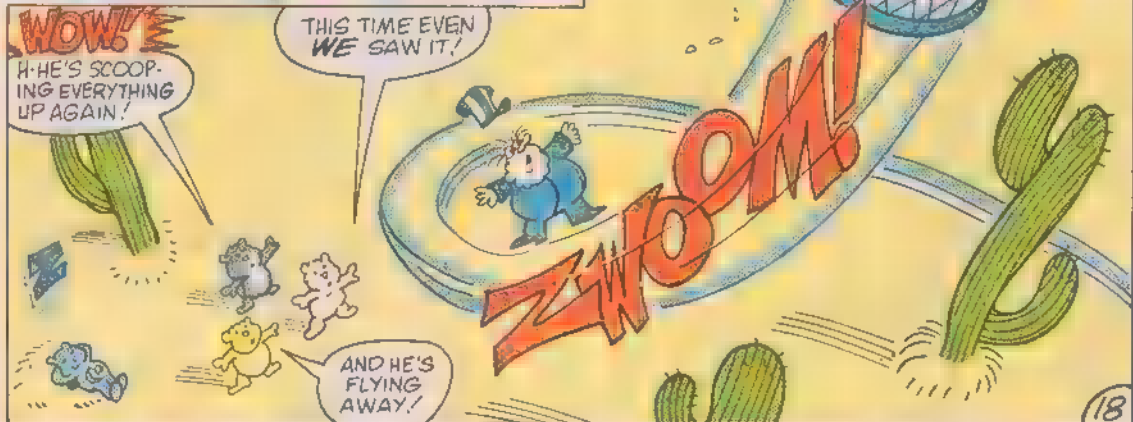
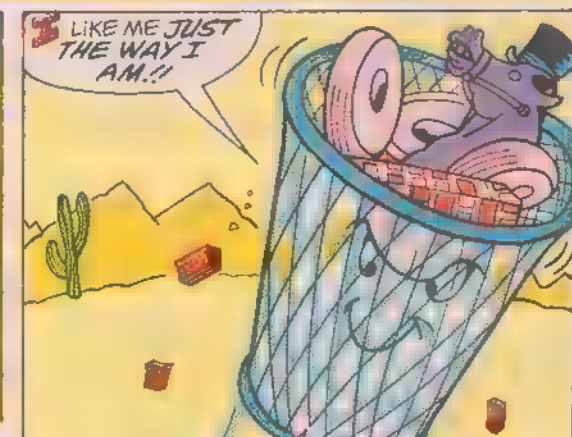
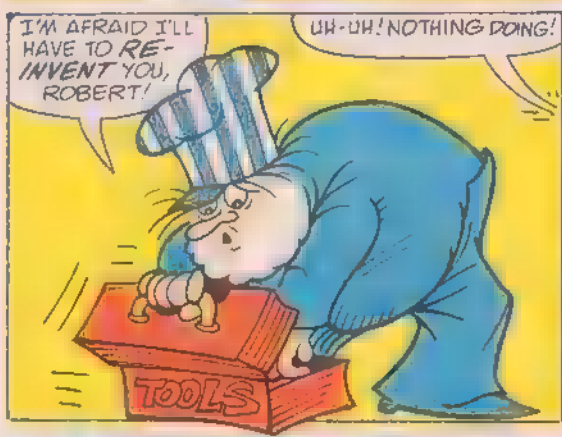
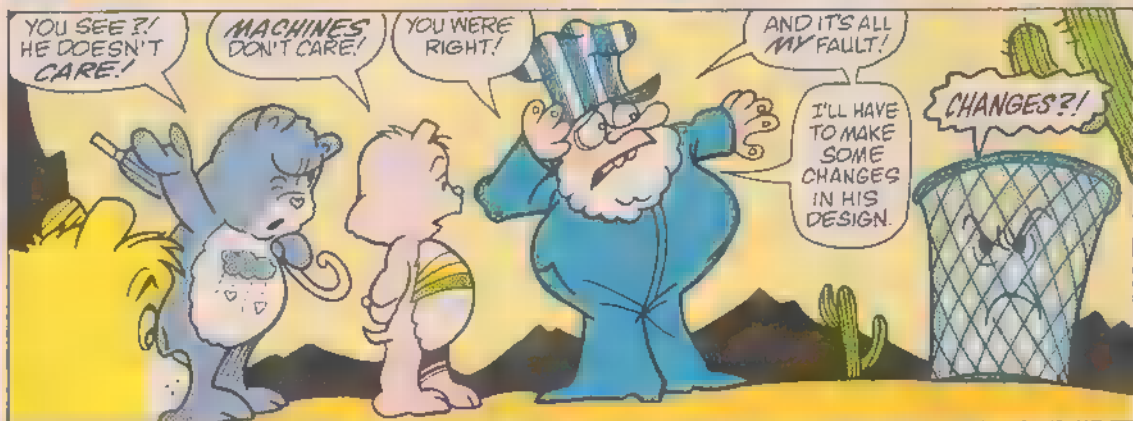
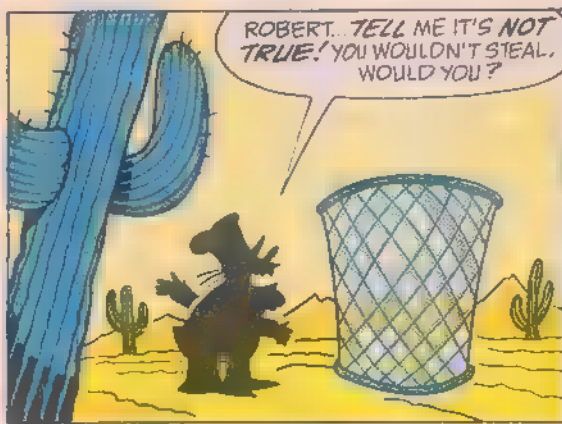
ROBERT IS A  
GOOD ROBOT!

THEN **WHY** WOULD  
THE MAYOR **THROW**  
OUT A **BRAND**  
NEW HAT?!

WHY WOULD THE TOWN THROW  
OUT THE **GENERAL'S HORSE?**

OR THIS PERFECTLY  
GOOD **BRICK WALL?**







# ★ STAR SIGNALS ★

## I'M A TRAVELIN' MAN!

\*\*\*\*\* Every year, groups of dedicated comic book fans gather together at special conventions across the country to celebrate the joy of reading and collecting comic books. Since this year is the 25th Anniversary of Marvel Comics, Stan "the Man" Lee (he's the guy who started it all), Jim "Trouble" Shooter (the editor in chief of Marvel Comics), "Amiable" Archie Goodwin (he runs Epic Comics), Sid "The Kid" Jacobson (you haven't been reading this column regularly if you don't know who he is by now) and I decided to celebrate this momentous occasion at a few of the very biggest comic conventions.

In the past few weeks, I've been to Chicago (*loved the pizza!*), Atlanta (*loved the people!*), and San Diego (*loved the beach!*) Marvel Comics held a special anniversary/birthday party at each of these conventions. There was plenty of food, music and dancing till dawn! Of course, the highlight of each party was when our official party hostess, "Lovable" Lynn Cohen (who usually

runs the editorial administration center whenever she's not busy convention-hopping), wheeled in the giant birthday cake. Talk about a sight to remember! Large enough to feed thousands, it would always have twenty-five blazing candles and a big icing image of a certain familiar web-slinger! (Nope, I wasn't Peter Parker. His turn will come in twenty-three and a half years when Star celebrates its anniversary.)

A fine time was had by all! I wish you could have been there!

## C'MON DOWN!

\*\*\*\*\* Have you ever been to a comic book convention? They're actually a lot of fun. There's one being held on almost every weekend of the year in some part of the country. You can usually find out about local conventions by asking at your favorite neighborhood comic book shop. Conventions also advertise in Marvel and Star Comics, and on television.

I always recommend that you travel with a group of your friends. You'll have a more fun if you have

someone to share it with.

Conventions are a great place to find old comics that you're missing from your collections. Old comics can sometimes be pretty expensive, but you can find bargains if you hunt hard enough.

You'll also get a chance to see tons of original artwork, to learn what's coming up in your favorite comic books, and to meet your favorite comic book professionals face to face.

That's the best part as far as I'm concerned. You and I finally get a chance to meet each other, to shake hands, and to ask each other questions. It's great! You can make some very special friends at a comic book convention.

If you ever do go to a convention that I'm attending, please stop by and say hello. I'd really like to meet you.

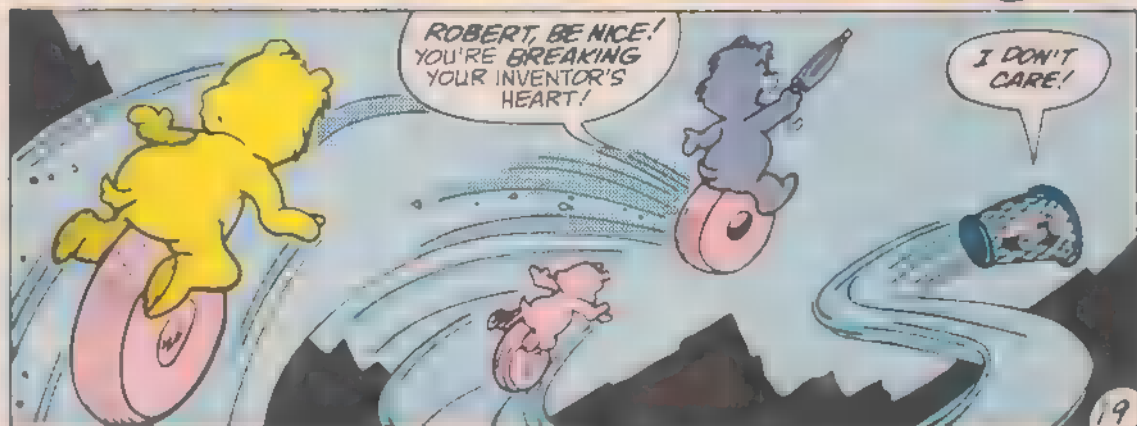
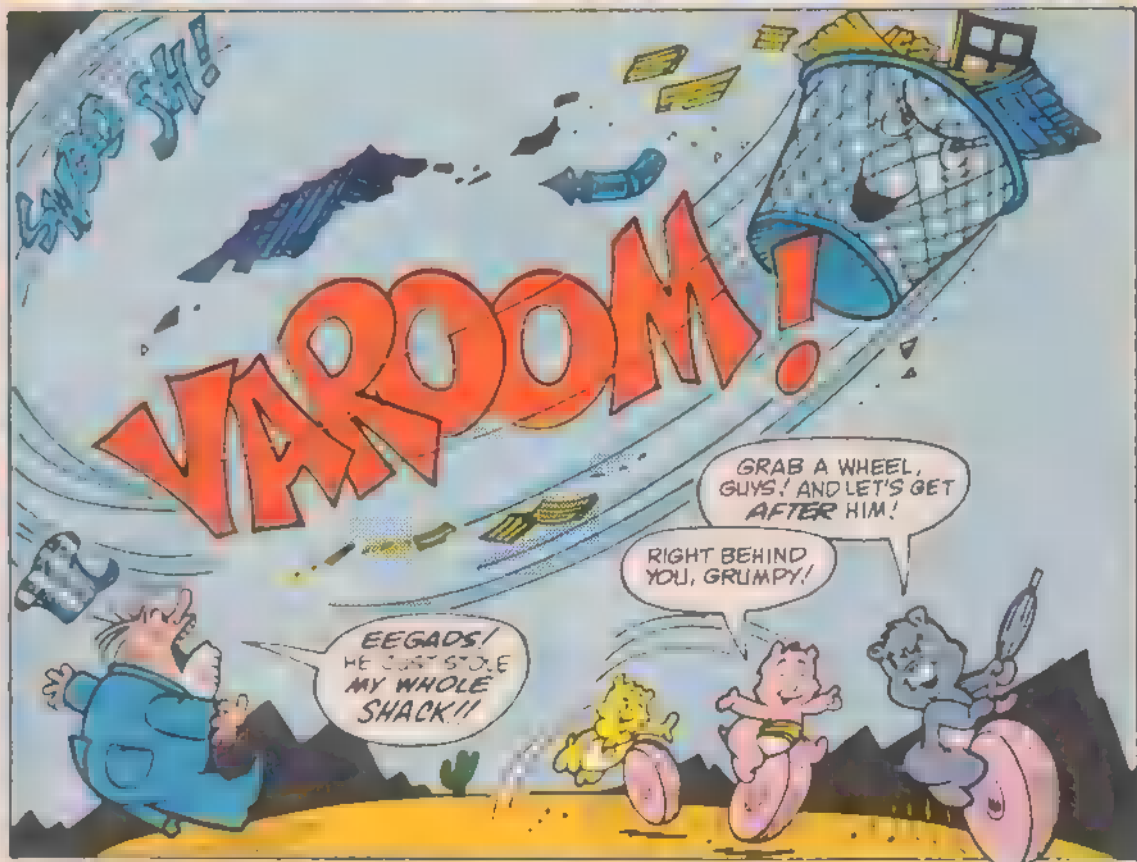
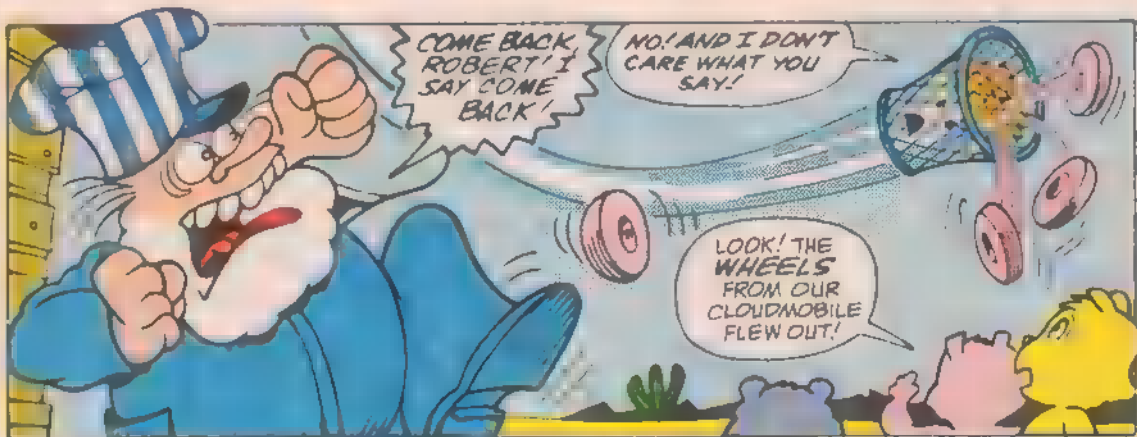
Thanks for being there,

*Tom D.*

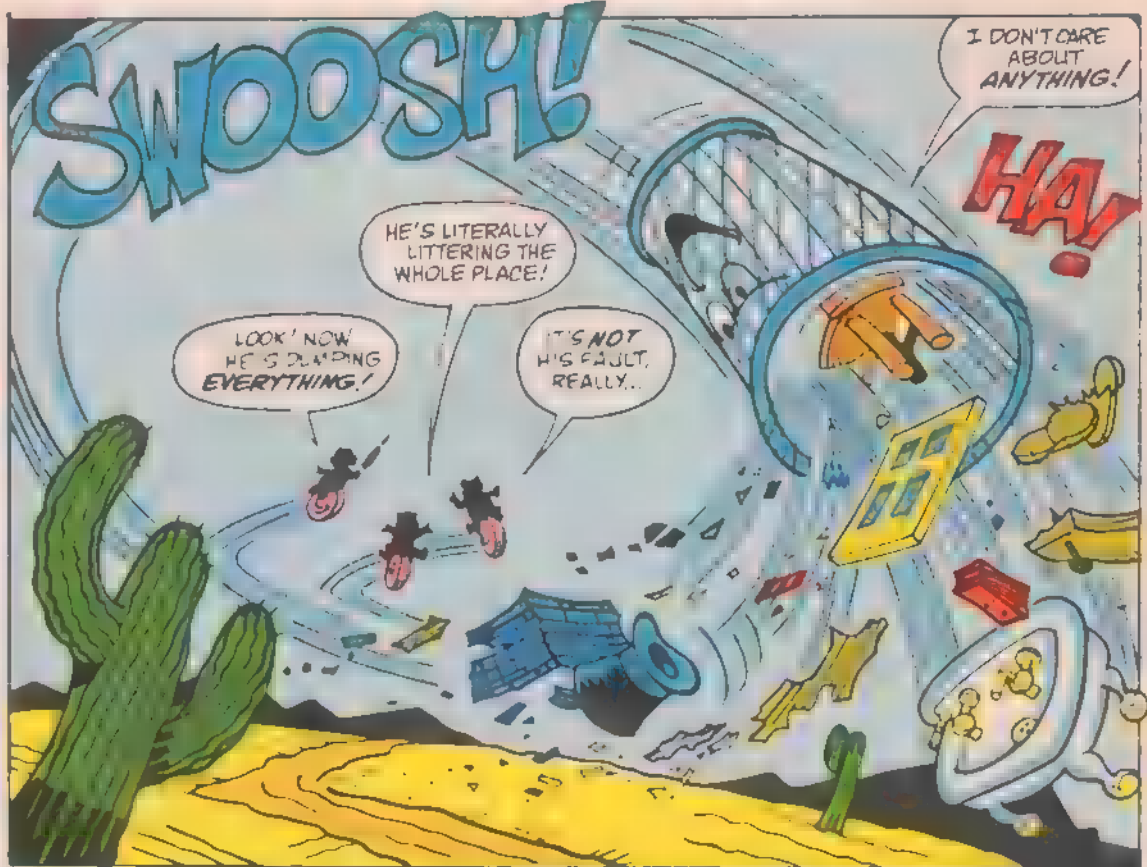
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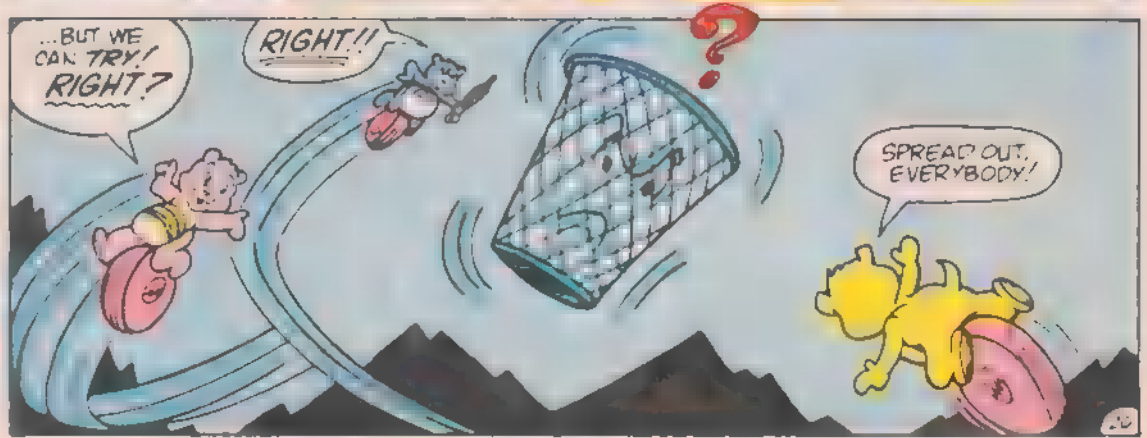
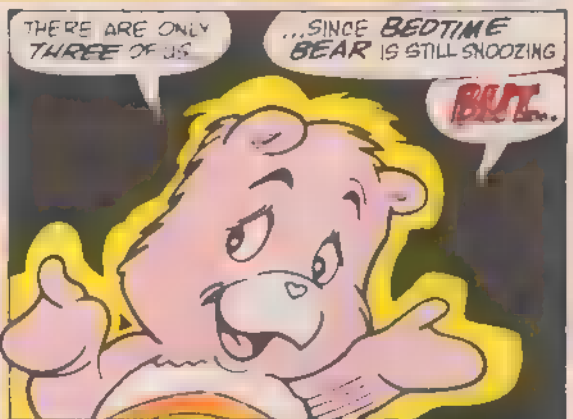
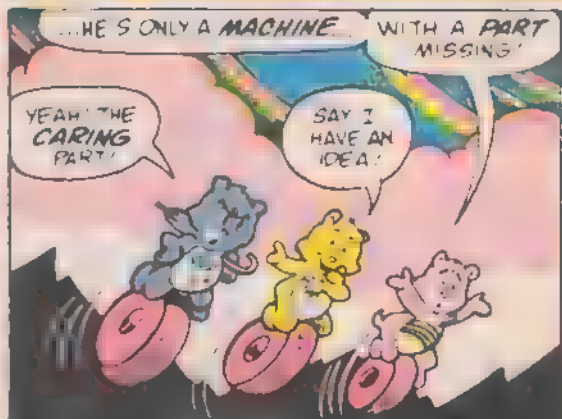
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING!

**HA!**

HE'S LITERALLY LITTERING THE WHOLE PLACE!

LOOK! NOW HE'S DUMPING EVERYTHING!

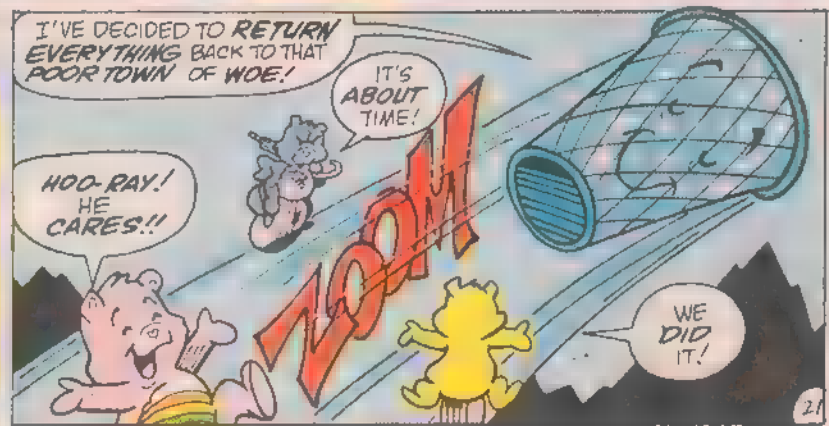
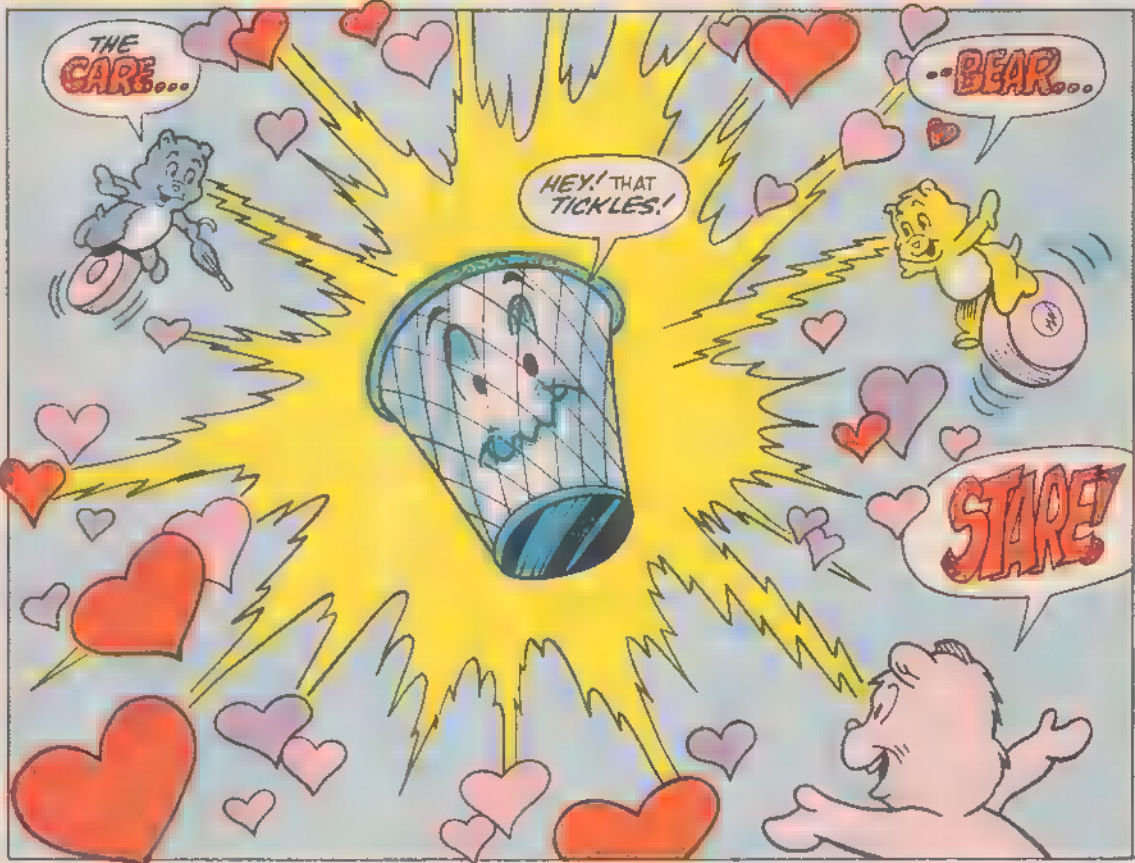
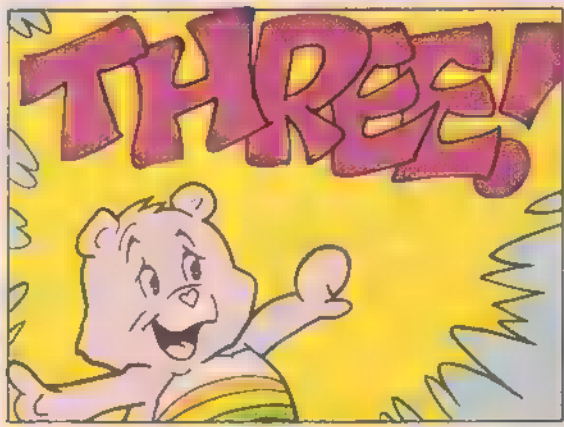
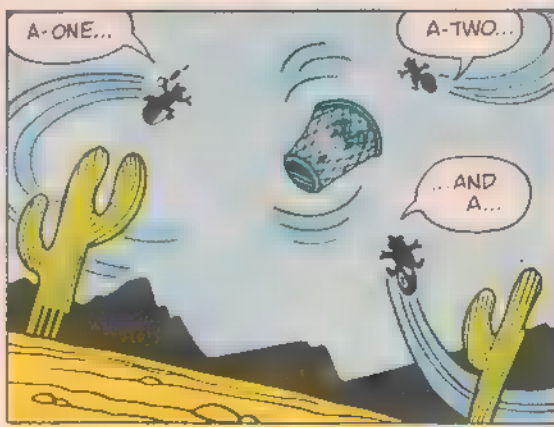
IT'S NOT HIS FAULT, REALLY...



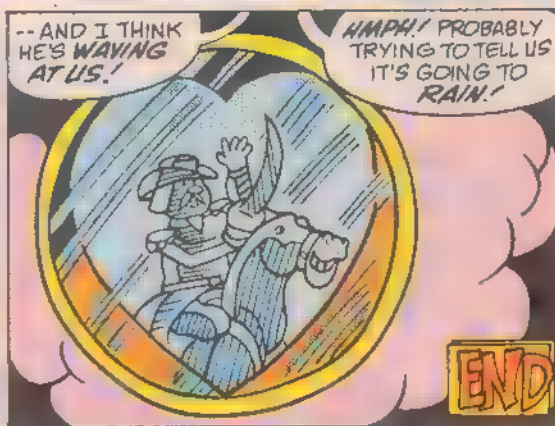
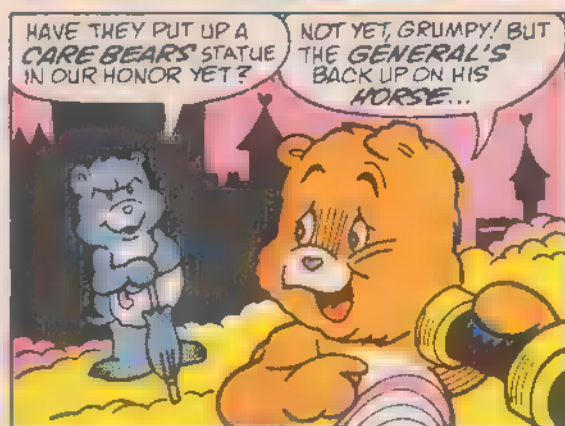
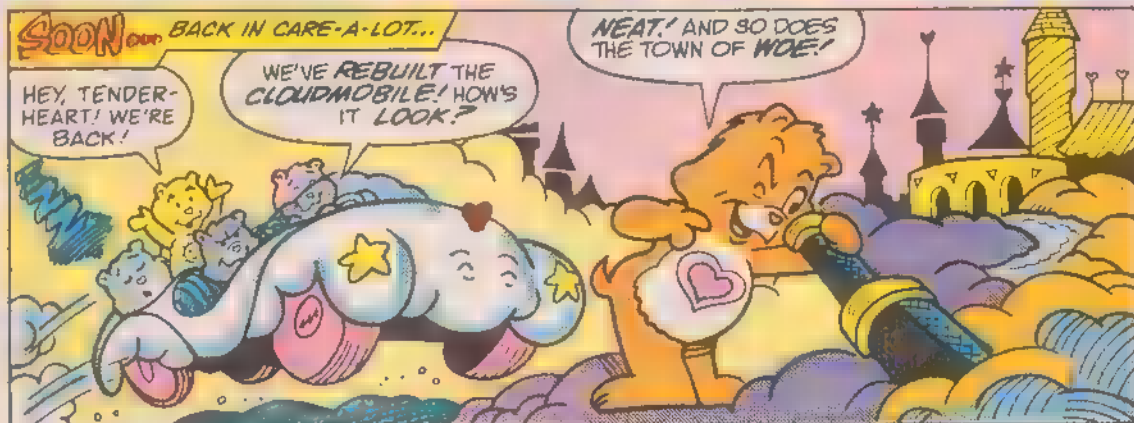
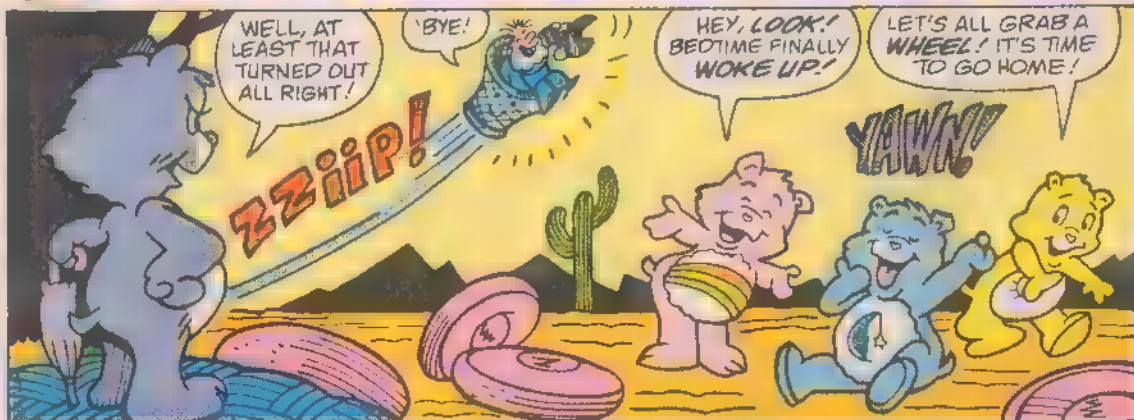
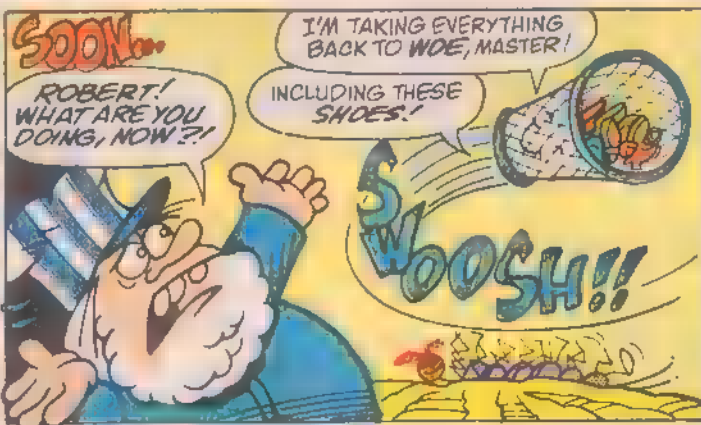
...BUT WE CAN TRY! RIGHT?

**RIGHT!!**

SPREAD OUT, EVERYBODY!









SID JACOBSON  
EDITOR

# Bear Facts

LAURA HITCHCOCK  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

c/o S.T.A.R. COMICS, 387 PARK AVE. SOUTH, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear S.T.A.R.,

CARE BEARS #5, "The Very First Care Bear," was great! Howard Post's drawings were fantastic. The story was interesting and fun. Noble Heart Horse and True Heart Bear were great. They're my favorite characters. I didn't even know about them before.

I never collected comics, but when my brother urged me to read one, I knew it would be worth it. Now I'd like to know how to get CARE BEARS #1, 2, 3, and 4.

Will the CARE BEAR COUSINS be in more issues or stay in the Forest of Feelings?

Suh-Hen Yang  
Los Gatos, CA

Thanks for writing! We're always glad to hear from fans who care about comics... as well as Bears! To get back issues of CARE BEARS, check with your local comics dealer. If he or she doesn't have what you want, try one of the mail-order companies specializing in back issues. They often advertise in comic books, but if you have trouble finding one, ask your comics dealer for help.

Last we heard, Suh-Hen, the CARE BEARS had no plans to visit their cousins in the Forest of Feelings. But don't give up hope. Your letter points up another important reason why we love to hear from readers. Knowing which characters and adventures are your favorites helps us arrange exactly the kind of CARE BEARS adventures you love most. So write to us. Then stay tuned and see what happens!

Dear S.T.A.R.,

I have a few questions and comments. Why don't you put "Care Bears: The Movie" on TV, on channel WSAZ-3, instead of in the movies? Why don't you make the land of CARE BEARS come true and name it "Care Bear Land"?

I really like your comics and I hope they keep coming and coming. I found out about CARE BEARS comics from my little cousin and that's when I started buying them.

Braiza Hardin  
Ashland, KY

It's unlikely the CARE BEARS movie will be on your local TV soon, since that would mean only people in Kentucky could see the movie. If you're convinced it's a good idea, Braiza, you could try writing directly to WSAZ station management.

But don't despair! Here's one bit of good news: CARE BEARS will have their own Saturday morning TV show this fall! Look in your newspaper for listings.

Dear CARE BEARS,

I now have all six issues of your magazine, and I think they're fabulous! I can't wait for the TV show to come out this fall!

I was wondering, since TOP DOG's team-

ups have been so successful, why don't you team up other STAR members as well? I would like to see team-ups between the EWOKS, TOP DOG, HEATHCLIFF, and the POPPLES.

By the way, I've drawn some new CARE BEARS for you and written a little bit about them. I hope you will use them in future adventures.

That's all I have to say, except keep up the fun-tastic work!

Robbie McDonald  
Baytown, TX

Thanks for a fun-tastic letter, Robbie! We agree, team-ups are fun—as we discovered when TOP DOG met HEATHCLIFF (TOP DOG #9), then ran into the famous SPIDER-MAN (TOP DOG #10), and when the DROIDS and EWOKS had a joint adventure (DROIDS #4, EWOKS #10). But getting such busy and popular characters together is complicated! Many of the characters you see in STAR Comics are represented by different companies. So, first our people talk to their people. Then their people talk to our people. And finally, when people are thoroughly tired of talking to each other, we discover everyone already has plans for next month!

(By the way, the Bears liked your drawings, Robbie, but they were a little confused. Real CARE BEARS usually come from Care-A-Lot, not Baytown, Texas!)

Dear CARE BEARS,

I love you. My daddy reads your comics to me all the time, and I enjoy them all. Issue #6 was very good.

I have seen both your movies, and I liked them both. My favorite CARE BEAR is Cheer Bear. I also like Swift Heart Rabbit. My little brother's favorites are Grumpy Bear and Bright Heart Raccoon.

My daddy helped me write this letter because I'm only 3 years old.

Lora Wilbur  
Buena Park, CA

We read your letter to the Bears, Lora, and Cheer Bear sends you a special cheery thanks! Grumpy Bear said to tell your brother hello. At least, we think it was hello. It sounded like "Hmmmph!"—but we were almost positive we saw a little glimmer of a smile.

Dear Bear People,

I loved your last issue, CARE BEARS #6! I think you folks are doing a wonderful job on the art and stories for the CARE BEARS comics. Keep up the good work!

Yes, I did see the new CARE BEARS movie and I loved it! In fact, I saw it eight times! I couldn't get enough of it! The plot, animation, characters, and even the voices of the characters were outstanding! Oh yes, the music was well-written and sung.

My favorite characters are Friend Bear, Sunshine Bear, Birthday Bear and True Heart Bear. In the next "Bear Facts," will there be some facts about the Cousins? I like them as much as the bears themselves. Would you mention something about True Heart Bear and Noble Heart Horse, too? I'm trying to start a CARE BEARS fan club. If I do get the club going would you mention it in your comic book? Please?

Gotta run! Baby Hugs is in my care while Grams is shopping, and at this moment, she's run off. Bye!

Cathy Rivera

Wow! Gee! Thanks! What a fan!

At the moment, there are no stories underway about the Cousins, Noble Heart Horse or True Heart Bear, but we're always glad to hear your suggestions. We promise to keep them in mind.

And if you do start a fan club, Cathy, write back! We'd be glad to mention it here.

Dear S.T.A.R.,

Howard Post writes nice things. Tell him I said so.

I love all the CARE BEARS. Thank you!  
Ava Toerok  
New York City, NY

Thank you beary much, Ava, from all the CARE BEARS! We agree, Howard Post is a wonderful writer. Did you know he draws them, too? That's good luck for all of us, don't you think?





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